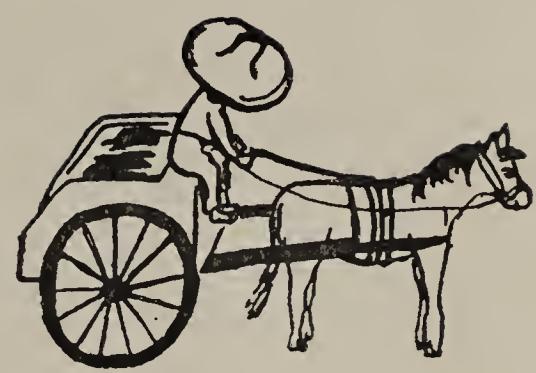
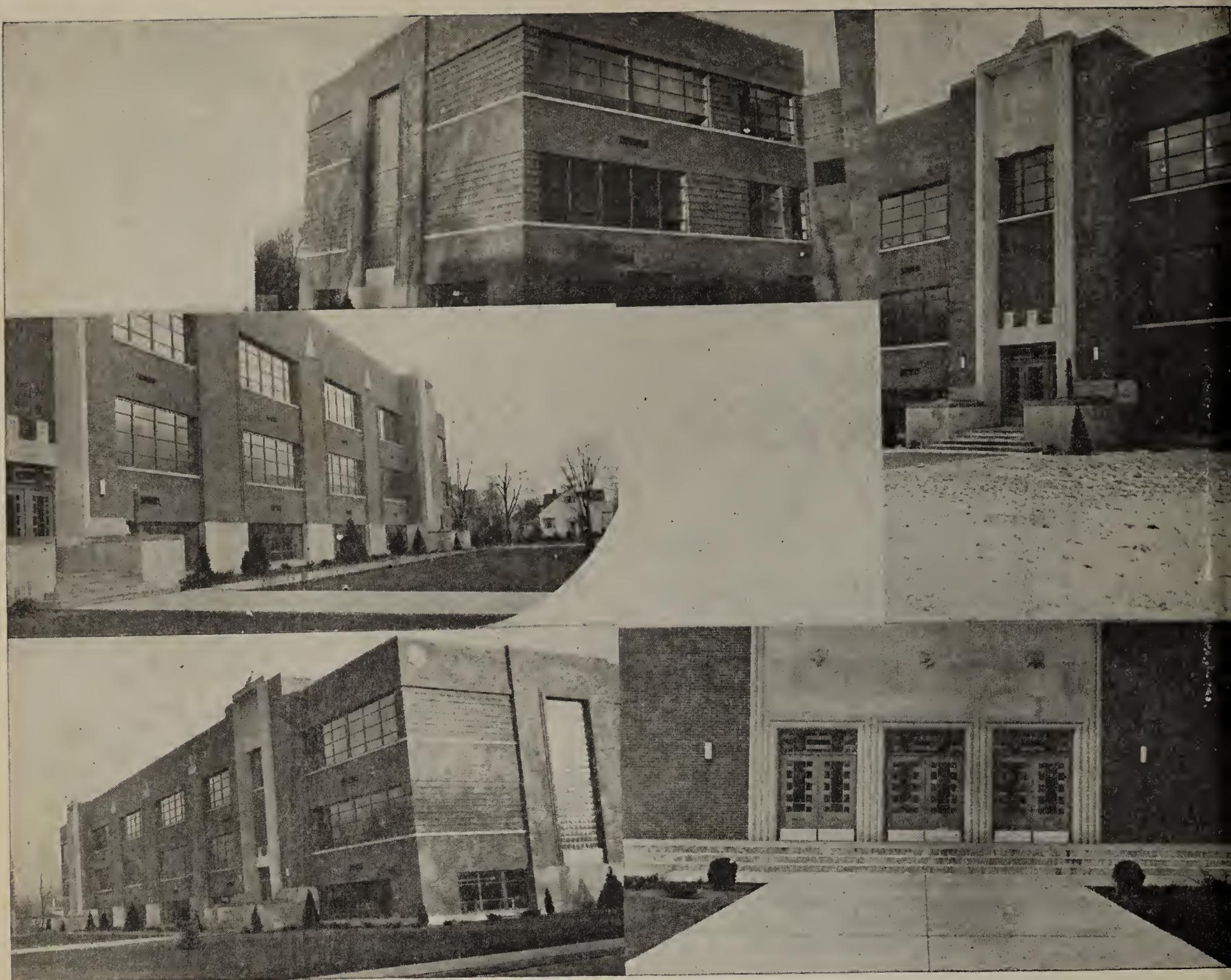


Virginia Nuttree





Views of Decatur Junior-Senior High School, Decatur, Indiana





With our nation at war we realize that victory can be won only through close union with friends and allies. A closer cementing of relationship with our neighbors will cause us to band together against the common foe. We need to establish a "Better Neighbor" policy; consequently we have chosen a theme that will make us more conscious of our neighbors to the south. Our "Latin-American" theme will, we hope, create a keener awareness of our South American Allies for now and all time. To become friends, we first must be better acquainted. So here's to South America—a closer bond of friendship—and a better understanding of each other. May we become for all time closer friends and neighbors.

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In Memoriam

In this school year of nineteen hundred forty-three and forty-four our flag has flown at half-mast several times to denote the passing away of those from several branches of our school. Death has invaded our ranks in the faculty, the student body, and on the maintenance staff. Two girls were turned aside from their studies; our janitor, Mr. Elzey, after many years of faithful service, was forced to give up his tasks; and four young men—one faculty member, one still a high school student, and two former graduates answered their country's call and finally gave their lives in that last ultimate sacrifice.

Death has ended their final chapter here on earth, but somewhere in a shining new land we know they are turning pages of a new and unrevealed life, and that each newly turned page offers new and everlasting glory to them.

So let us not grieve for them. To meet death is but to face Life's most glorious adventure.



James B. Christen

JAMES CHRISTEN

James B. Christen, son of Bruce and Alice Christen, was born in Decatur, Indiana, April 24, 1921. He was graduated from Decatur High School in 1939. He entered service September, 1941, and died in Sicily, July 11, 1943.

Lieutenant Christen received his wings and was commissioned as second lieutenant in the Air Corps at Turner Field, Georgia, in May, 1942. He left for overseas November, 1942, and was located in the Middle East where he flew a C-47 Troop Carrier with paratroops into Sicily. He was buried in the Air-Corps cemetery where the group chaplain paid final words of tribute.

Jim's mother, Mrs. Alice Christen, received the posthumous award of air medal for his having participated in a night aerial flight in an unarmed, unarmoured, and unescorted Troop Carrier Aircraft at an altitude of less than five hundred feet under adverse flying conditions.

IN MEMORIAM

MAX SHADY

Max Shady, son of Mrs. August Peck, was born April 25, 1925, near Decatur, Ind., and died September 2, 1943, somewhere in the vicinity of Wake Island. Had Max graduated with his class, he would have received his high school diploma in 1943, but he entered the navy during his junior year.

Max enlisted into the United States Naval Air Corps April 25, 1943, and had served approximately a year and three months. He met his death while taking off in a plane from an air-craft carrier. The motor of the plane failed, causing the plane to crash into the sea. Max was taken from the wrecked plane into a life raft, but he died three hours later from internal injuries. Max was buried with full military honors at sea and funeral services were later held at his home locality at Preble, Indiana, in honor of his memory.

Max had but three days more to serve before he would have earned his wings as a gunner and his rating as a Chief Petty Officer. His wings were posthumously awarded to his mother who lives at Preble, Indiana.



Max Shady



Jack L. Tricker

JACK TRICKER

Jack L. Tricker, son of Elmer and Grace Tricker, was born July 21, 1921, in Decatur, Indiana. He was graduated from Decatur High School in 1939, and died May 22, 1943.

Staff Sergeant Tricker entered the aerial gunnery branch of the United States Air Corps and was in service nine months until the time of his death. He was located at Newell Field, United States Army Air Base in Rapid City, South Dakota. He was with Bomb Squadron 543 and Bomb Group 383. He met his death, along with several other service men, in an unexplained mid-air plane explosion.

Jack was a former yell-leader in Decatur High School and also served in his senior year as business manager of the Ravelings year book. He left Decatur immediately after his graduation to join his parents who were then living at Sturgis, Michigan.

IN MEMORIAM

WILLIAM T. IVES

William T. Ives, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joy Ives, and husband of Mrs. Jeanette Kolp Ives, was born April 14, 1919. He was graduated from Wapella High School, Wapella, Illinois, in 1936, attended the Illinois State Normal from 1936 to 1939, and graduated from the University of Illinois in 1940 with a B.S. degree. He taught agriculture and physical education for two and one-half years at Decatur High School, Decatur, Indiana.

William Ives left Decatur, Indiana, January 9, 1943, to enter the United States Air Corps as an air-cadet. He received training at air fields in San Antonio, Texas, and Enid and Fredericks, Oklahoma. He was killed along with another air-cadet in a trainer plane crash at Fredericks, Oklahoma, September 25, 1943.

Bill was within six weeks of having acquired his wings and second lieutenancy-ship at the time of his fatal crash. His wings were posthumously awarded to his widow, Mrs. Jeannette Ives, who now resides in Clinton, Illinois.



William T. Ives

IN MEMORIAM



Milo C. Stalter

MILO CHESTER STALTER

Milo Chester Stalter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dorus Stalter, was born June 23, 1925. Had Milo continued his high school career, he would have graduated with the class of 1943. He died on March 14, 1944.

He was killed as the result of a fall from a truck while in the performance of duty and in the service of his country.

Milo, enlisted in the navy on his seventeenth birthday anniversary, June 23, 1942. He was a junior in the Decatur High School. He received his boot training and specialist training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station.

EVERETT JOHNSON

Everett Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Johnson, was born June 14, 1914, and died Dec. 4, 1942.

Everett attended the rural schools during the first eight years of his school career. He attended the Decatur High School, Decatur, Indiana, during his freshman and sophomore years. He did not graduate from this school.

Everett entered the army October 5, 1942, through the selective service. He was drowned in the Rogue River, Camp White, Oregon, while training in a boat drill with his company.

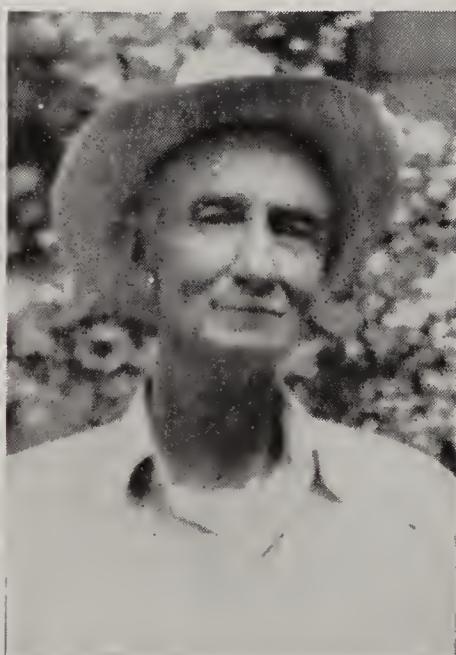
DOUGLAS H. NEIDIGH

(Missing in Action)

Douglas H. Neidigh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Neidigh, has been reported missing in action since January 30, 1944, in Italy.

Douglas entered the service April 7, 1943. He left this country in the fall of 1943 and first saw action in Africa, later being transferred to Italy. He was in the First Ranger Outfit.

Douglas attended the Decatur public schools and was a junior at the Decatur Junior-Senior High School at the time of entering the service.



William D. Elzey

WILLIAM D. ELZEY

William Delma Elzey was born in Adams County, May 17, 1872, and died at his home 321 North Tenth Street, Decatur, Indiana, on December 14, 1943.

Mr. Elzey was a former member of the Decatur Police Force, and served in Cuba during the Spanish-American War. In addition to this, Mr. Elzey served his country during World War I as a civil service worker at Washington, D. C.

Mr. Elzey, during the last fifteen years of his life, was employed by the Decatur Board of Education as a janitor at the Decatur Junior-Senior High School.

IN MEMORIAM



Lenora Virginia Stauffer

LENORA VIRGINIA STAUFFER

Lenora Virginia Stauffer, daughter of Thelma and Gottlieb Stauffer, was born September 29, 1926, at Decatur, Indiana, and died June 25, 1943, at the home of her parents on 228 North Sixth St.

Lenora attended both grade and high school at Decatur, Indiana, during her school life and was a sophomore at the time of her passing away. Had Lenora been permitted to have finished her public school days, she would have graduated with the class of 1945.



Mary Kathryn Vian

MARY KATHRYN VIAN

Mary Kathryn Vian, daughter of Nellie and Glen Vian, was born in Decatur, Indiana, on July 24, 1929, and died at Decatur, Indiana, at the home of her parents, 417 Line Street on October 18, 1943.

Mary Kathryn was a member of Junior High School and was enrolled in the eighth grade at the time of her death.

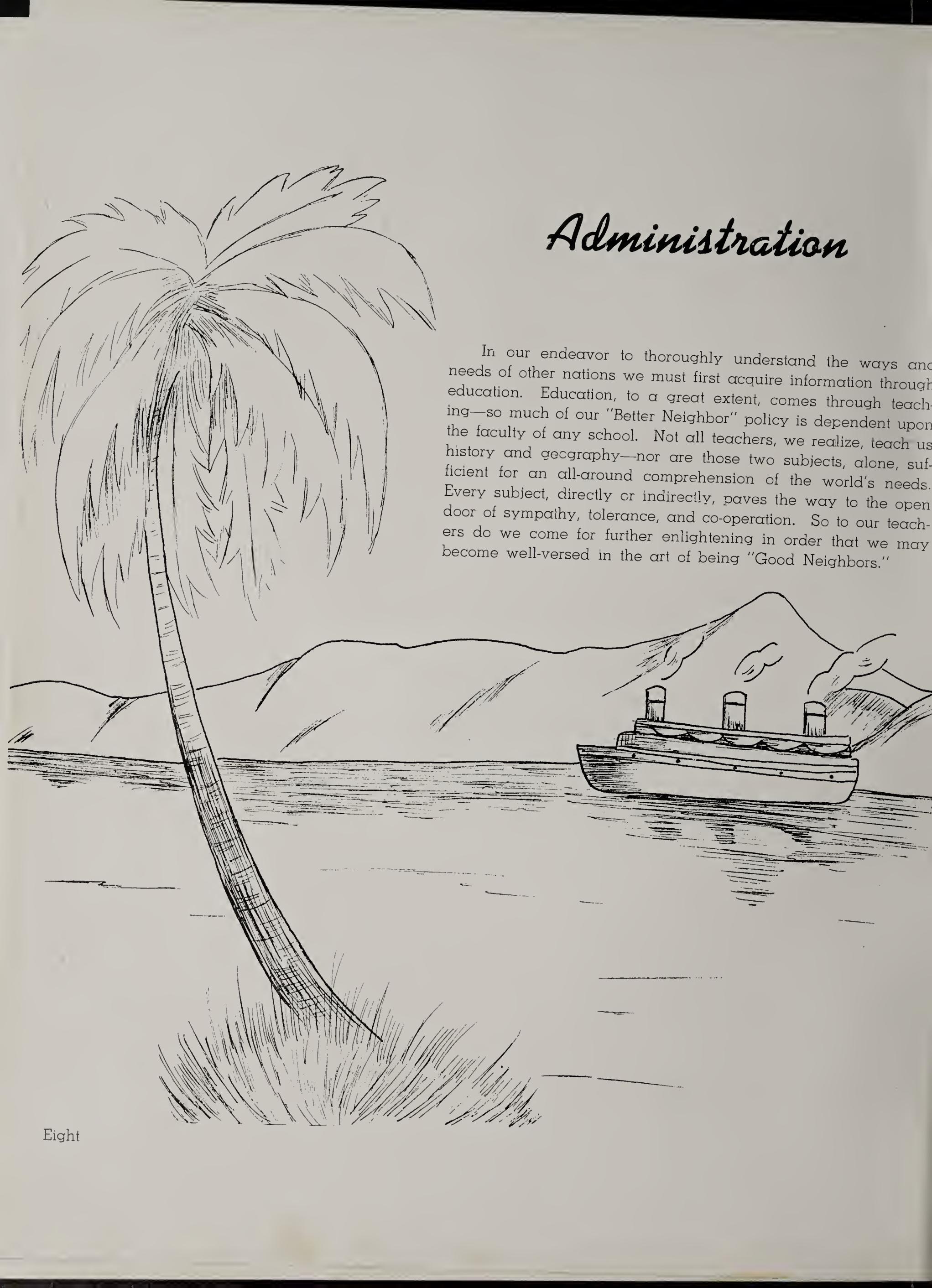


Max E. Melchi

MAX EDSON MELCHI

Max Edson Melchi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Melchi, was born July 4, 1930, in Decatur, Indiana, and died March 31, 1944, at the Adams County Memorial Hospital, Decatur.

Max attended the Decatur grade schools and at the time of his death was a member of the eighth grade at the Decatur Junior-Senior High School. Max held the unusual distinction of being neither tardy nor absent during his entire school life.



Administration

In our endeavor to thoroughly understand the ways and needs of other nations we must first acquire information through education. Education, to a great extent, comes through teaching—so much of our "Better Neighbor" policy is dependent upon the faculty of any school. Not all teachers, we realize, teach us history and geography—nor are those two subjects, alone, sufficient for an all-around comprehension of the world's needs. Every subject, directly or indirectly, paves the way to the open door of sympathy, tolerance, and co-operation. So to our teachers do we come for further enlightening in order that we may become well-versed in the art of being "Good Neighbors."



FACULTY SNAPS

The desk from which all orders flow. Mr. Millikan looks over the situation. "Time's up," calls Mr. Anderson. "One or two sacks?" asks Miss Pumphrey. Mr. Adams plucks a bunch of grapes. Mr. Brown makes his morning announcements.



POINTING THE CAMERA



Miss Elzey pauses momentarily. "Watch your step, Mr. Dorwin." Mr. Perry gives out with a winning smile. "Ha, Ha, I've heard that one before," says Mr. Krick. "Look pretty, Mr. Everhart." Miss Kauffman making posies. Mr. Ketchum squinting in the sun.



AT THE TEACHERS

Mr. Smith poses. Mr. Sellemeyer arrives at 8:15. Mr. Alger explains an algebra problem. "Good morning, Miss Godfrey." "Why so happy, Mr. Mumma?" Miss Haubold strikes a glamour pose. Miss Worthman entering the halls of knowledge.





G. McFarland, Secretary; G. Cole, Treasurer; W. J. Krick, Superintendent; C. C. Pumphrey, President, Iverna Werling, Secretary to Superintendent.

DECATUR BOARD OF EDUCATION

There are two suites of offices at the end of the main hall. One is constantly filled with students, the other is quieter and just a little mysterious to us. It maintains an executive air that impresses us very much. A very efficient secretary named Miss Iverna Werling presides at a very neat desk. She greets all comers kindly and courteously.

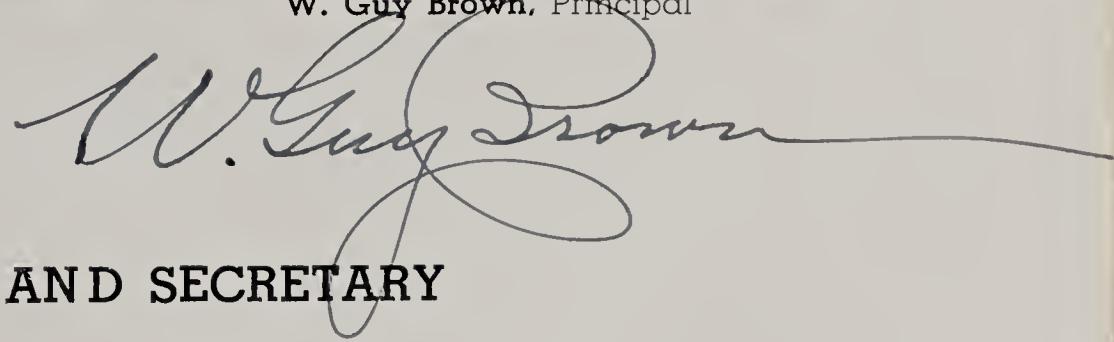
If you want a glimpse of that mysterious body that causes our educational system to "perk" here in Decatur, slip around on either the first or third Mondays of the month and you'll find the president, Mr. Pumphrey, presiding over the meeting while the secretary, Mr. McFarland, takes the minutes of the meeting. Mr. Cole, treasurer, has to do with

the funds while both treasurer and secretary sign and counter-sign all checks issued. One of the big tasks of the year is the annual preparation of the school-year budget. Mr. Krick, the superintendent, who is well-versed in school affairs, keeps the educational and maintenance gears well oiled and smoothly running by his co-operation with the other board members. For your further enlightenment, we want to state the tenure of our school board members. Miss Werling has completed three years of service, Mr. Krick nine years as superintendent, Mr. Pumphrey has served his fifth year, Mr. Cole his third year, while Mr. McFarland, to whom we extend our heartiest welcome, has completed his first year as a board member.



Virginia Venus, Secretary

W. Guy Brown, Principal



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Guy Brown", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping loop on the right side.

PRINCIPAL AND SECRETARY

Mr. Brown continues at his desk to direct the pulsing life of the student body into the proper channels. The door closes on his inner office and we know there is a "conference" going on. Perhaps it is a talk with some teacher regarding an errant pupil, or perhaps it is the errant pupil, himself. It may be that some young man in service wants a transcript of credits; it might be a little pow-wow with some organization on some entanglement that has come up. Anyway, there are a thousand and one problems that must be settled behind that closed door throughout the school year; and Mr. Brown, our principal, settles them in such a way that barely a ripple on the surface appears to denote that any

major or minor disturbance has occurred in our school.

In the outer office we have a new secretary this year. Miss Virginia Venis took over the duties of secretary to Mr. Brown at the beginning of the school year. The job was not exactly foreign to her inasmuch as she served an apprenticeship as office assistant while still in school. In addition to being "keeper and guard" of the outer office, she sells stamps and bonds, all sorts of tickets, keeps attendance records, writes letters and checks, and, "Oh, a thousand and one things." But whether it is a thousand or one, she performs all of them capably.

Meritt J. Alger



Mr. Alger

Mr. Adams

Mr. Anderson

Mr. Brown

Mr. Dorwin

FACULTY

Mr. Alger, when not in school, may be seen sometimes driving a car or perhaps pedaling a bicycle between here and Bellmont Park where he has taken up residence this last year. He carries a brief case which, no doubt, is full of interesting scientific data that he passes on in the form of further knowledge to his aeronautics, mathematics, and physics classes. His address is Bellmont Park, R. R. 5.

Mr. Adams, white-haired and dark-eyed, is the very epitome of dignity. He teaches chemistry, physics and mathematics, and he can place you in your mental category with one glance--and why not? For many years he has been giving aptitude tests, mental tests, and all sorts of tests. There has to be something aside and beyond that knowing look on your face to fool Mr. Adams. He has the dope on you all filed away under "Intelligence." Mr. Adams lives at 411 South First Street.

Mr. Anderson continues to teach typists, would-be typists, stenographers, and office workers in general. He feels he has pretty well filled the business world with some of his prodigies since he estimates that at least ninety-five per cent of the student body

passes through his hands before emerging into the cold, cruel world. You can reach him at 134 North Fifth Street.

Mr. Brown, our principal, faces the same old problems that fall the lot of every principal plus a few new ones every year. In addition to two classes of civics, Mr. Brown heads the Purdue Extension work that is carried on at this school, and aided and abetted by Mr. Adams, conducts summer school in order that many of our young men (and women) might receive a full four-year course in high school education before entering the armed forces. Mr. Brown lives at 320 Line Street.

Mr. Dorwin juggles history, English and intramural sports; he also does a little refereeing on the side and usually has charge of the summer recreational program held at Worthman Field. He was intensely interested in a new program this past winter whereby much needed recreation could be provided for the Decatur youth that had been curtailed or cut down due to wartime conditions. Mr. Dorwin lives at 331 North First Street.

Klner



Miss Elzey

Mr. Everhart

Miss Godfrey

Miss Haubold

Miss Kauffman

Sylvester Everhart

Elith Godfrey

Helen Haubold

R. Kauffman

FACULTY

Miss Elzey, our librarian, rolled up her sleeves and plunged into more than a little war effort in an attempt to locate the graduates of this high school as to their whereabouts in the armed forces. This, plus the attempts to enshrine the photographed visages of the Waves, Wacs, etc., kept her pretty busy. She also was instrumental in seeing that many of our servicemen were supplied with reading material by putting on a concentrated book drive. Residence, 321 N. Tenth Street.

Mr. Sylvester Everhart is general all-around body builder for the younger fry of the Decatur public schools. He mixes a recipe of physical education, health and safety, commando-training, and junior high basketball coaching into a stiff dose, shoves it down the throats of his students and makes them like it. On Saturdays he is usually perched on someone's truck supervising the Boy Scouts in their latest scrap collection. Away out at 921 North Fifth Street you'll find him.

Miss Godfrey, the newcomer and baby of the faculty, fell right into line. She dispenses Latin and English (junior high variety). She also drew the job as co-sponsor of the Pep Champs and served

as a guiding light to the Girl Scouts. Miss Godfrey is a graduate of Greenfield, Missouri, High School, and holds an A.B. from Ball State. She resides at 210 North Seventh Street, but her home address is Portland, Indiana.

If you can't find Miss Haubold at the high school, you'll find her at the Lincoln School. If you can't find her at either building, she's very likely in the alley going from one school to the other to supervise students—big, little, and medium size—in the art of singing. Practically any evening you'll find her with one of her choruses rendering musical numbers to some civic organization around town. For convenience sake she lives just one house removed from the high school at 228 South Third Street.

Miss Kauffman is another alley walker between school buildings. She develops (or tries) the aesthetic side of the Decatur student body by teaching them art. Her art students were evidently war-conscious this year if the profuse display of posters urging stamp and war bond buying is any indication. In order to get a true insight of Miss Kauffman's effort, one should visit the art room where everything from stage craft to modelling is taught. Miss Kauffman resides at 312 South First Street.



Mr. Ketchum

Miss Lewton

Mr. Millikan

Mr. Mumma

Mr. Perry

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Mr. Ketchum used to be an instructor of manual training and mechanical drawing. Now his duties seem more or less along the lines of a general mathematician since that is what he mainly teaches. His real love is that of "big boss" or ticket controller at gatherings where people have to be seated. "No ticket, no seat" is his motto as he goes from door to door or gate to gate checking up on all door and gate keepers. If the government doesn't get its share of the taxes on tickets, it isn't his fault. Mr. Ketchum resides on a large ranch out at 949 Mercer Avenue.

Miss Lewton instills, pounds, coaxes and persuades English into the minds, bodies, and souls of practically all seniors, juniors, and sophomores. She uses a profuse display of maps, illustrations, and museum relics to make the students English conscious. She has even taken to streamlining her subjects. How it's done is a mystery, but we suspect that some of Shakespeare's characters have abandoned their togas for zoot-suits. For further information consult Miss Lewton at 630 North Second Street.

Mr. Millikan teaches bookkeeping, business law,

arithmetic, and science. He still is the gentleman that represents the faculty when something new in rationing comes up. Occasionally he disappears from his classes only to turn up at the rationing board to help untangle the preliminary snarls always attendant upon the latest government restriction. Aside from school duties he works at Berne in off hours. He is also somewhat of a collector—collects hens' eggs which he sells to the egg-needy. He lives at 330 South Third Street.

Mr. Mumma paves the way for all students of English into the higher realms of learning by teaching the same subject to those in the second year down through junior high. Mr. Mumma is indeed a versatile man. He helps to run a lumber mill on the side, fools around with musical attachments, moving pictures, etc. He is so adept at construction that he has even manufactured a basket under which he hides most of his talents. We'd like to look around his home at 808 West Adams Street and unearth his additional hobbies.

Daniel Perry, the coach, is something out of the world this year. His basketball team took both the sectional and the regional. Results: new hat sizes,

Eleanor Pumphrey**Miss Pumphrey****Mr. Sellemeyer****Mr. Smith****Miss Worthman***Howard Smith*

FACULTY

a jeweled crown, and a royal litter in which he is borne by human slaves hither and yon. He also teaches manual training and biology. He purchased a new home on Stevenson Street which he leaves promptly at two minutes of eight every morning and arrives at school three minutes of eight. Brother, that's speed. Explanation—clocks at school run five minutes slow.

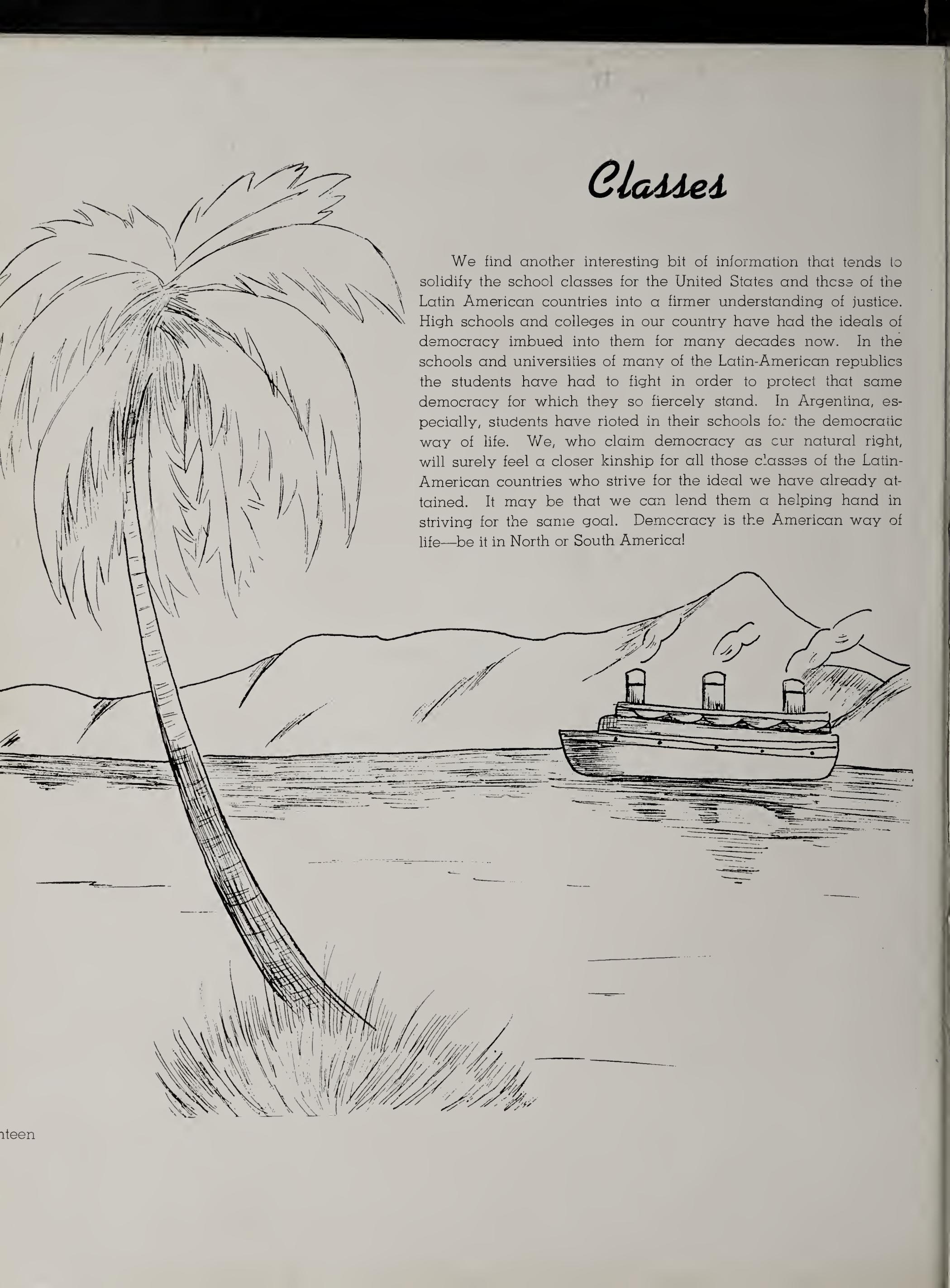
Miss Eleanor Pumphrey blows whistles to start them and to stop them. She sees that her girls get their much needed (if unwanted) exercise. They grunt and groan, but to all this she turns a deaf ear. She teaches physical ed., and physical ed. is what they're going to get. If they're going to be Waves and Wacs, they'll start from scratch—no sloppy beginning for them. She also shakes a mean salt shaker over a sack of popcorn as one of the head canteen keepers. If she happens to be at home, you'll find her at 337 South Third Street.

Mr. Sellemeyer doesn't exactly blow his own horn, but he sees that his band members do. He takes his Girls' Band here and there on various missions. Everyone seems to want music. Mr. Sellemeyer's all-consuming ambition is to see that his band members get new uniforms. And why not? Good musi-

cians need good accouterments. But his life isn't all band music. Just try being absent and you'll understand. Mr. Sellemeyer is also truant officer. At home at 329 North Fourth Street.

Mr. Smith, small but mighty, teaches social studies and history, works at a hardware store, and has charge of all sound equipment and movie-taking around school. He rushes here and there to get a preview of the incoming and outgoing service men and women home on leave. Seems to be also the dark-haired boy that collects funds from other reluctant faculty members, and **that** is quite a job. When he finds time he spends a little of it at home which is a block or two down the way at 515 West Jefferson Street.

Last, but not least, we come to Miss Worthman, lady dean, general housekeeper, getter-upper of banquets, head of canteen workers, senior mother, ad infinitum. She sends business managers out to collect ads, provides costumes for dramatic productions, and hauls people to out-of-town basketball games, etc. That's what this home economics teacher does in addition to supervising a flock of Four-H Club members in the summer time. Consultations held at 227 North Sixth Street.



Classes

We find another interesting bit of information that tends to solidify the school classes for the United States and those of the Latin American countries into a firmer understanding of justice. High schools and colleges in our country have had the ideals of democracy imbued into them for many decades now. In the schools and universities of many of the Latin-American republics the students have had to fight in order to protect that same democracy for which they so fiercely stand. In Argentina, especially, students have rioted in their schools for the democratic way of life. We, who claim democracy as our natural right, will surely feel a closer kinship for all those classes of the Latin-American countries who strive for the ideal we have already attained. It may be that we can lend them a helping hand in striving for the same goal. Democracy is the American way of life—be it in North or South America!



The empty halls of D. H. S. Officers of the freshman class. Officers of the junior class. Officers of the senior class. Officers of the sophomore class. Mr. Brown's "studious" civics class.





SENIORS

First Row: Doris Adler, George Alton, Evelyn Andrews, Gene Bassett, Mary Bollinger, Sara Ann Boutwell

Second Row: Roy Bleeke, Brice Breiner, Pauline Brintzenhofe, Irene Brooks, Naomi Brown, James Brunnegraff

Senior Activities

DORIS ADLER

Pep Champs '41-42-43-44
Freshman Treasurer '41
Home Ec. Club '41-42
G. A. A. '41-42-44
Glee Club '43-44
Pageant '43-44
Color Wheel Club '44

GEORGE ALTON

Howling Hosts '41-42-43-44
Glee Club '44
Art Club '44
Commercial Club '43-44
Intramural Basketball '42-43-44

EVELYN ANDREWS

Pep Champs '41-42-43-44
Home Ec. Club '41-42
President of Home Ec. Club '42
Glee Club '43-44
Vice President of Glee Club '43
Commercial Club '43-44
President of Comm. Club '44
G. A. A. '41-42-44
Pageant '43-44

GENE BASSETT

Intramural Basketball '41-44

Howling Hosts '42-44

Pageant '43-44
Commercial Club '44
Art Club '44
Baseball '44

MARY BOLLINGER

Home Ec. Club '41-42
Commercial Club '43-44
Glee Club '43-44
Color Wheel Club '43-44
Pageant '43-44
Pep Champs '43
G. A. A. '41-42-44

SARA ANN BOUTWELL

Glee Club '43-44

ROY BLEEKE

Football '41-42
Basketball '41
Baseball '41-42
Howling Hosts '41-42-43-44

BRICE BREINER

Football '41-42-43-44
Basketball '41-42
Howling Hosts '41-42-43-44
Baseball '42

Intramural Basketball '43

Secretary of class '42
Pageant '43
U. S. Navy

PAULINE BRINTZENHOFE

Pep Champs '41-43-44
Home Ec. Club '41
Commercial Club '43-44
Pageant '43-44
Glee Club '43-44
Ravelings Staff '44

IRENE BROOKS

Band '39-40-41-42-43-44
Commercial Club '43-44
Glee Club '43-44
Pep Champs '41-42-43-44
G. A. A. '41-42

NAOMI BROWN

Glee Club '43-44
Commercial Club '44
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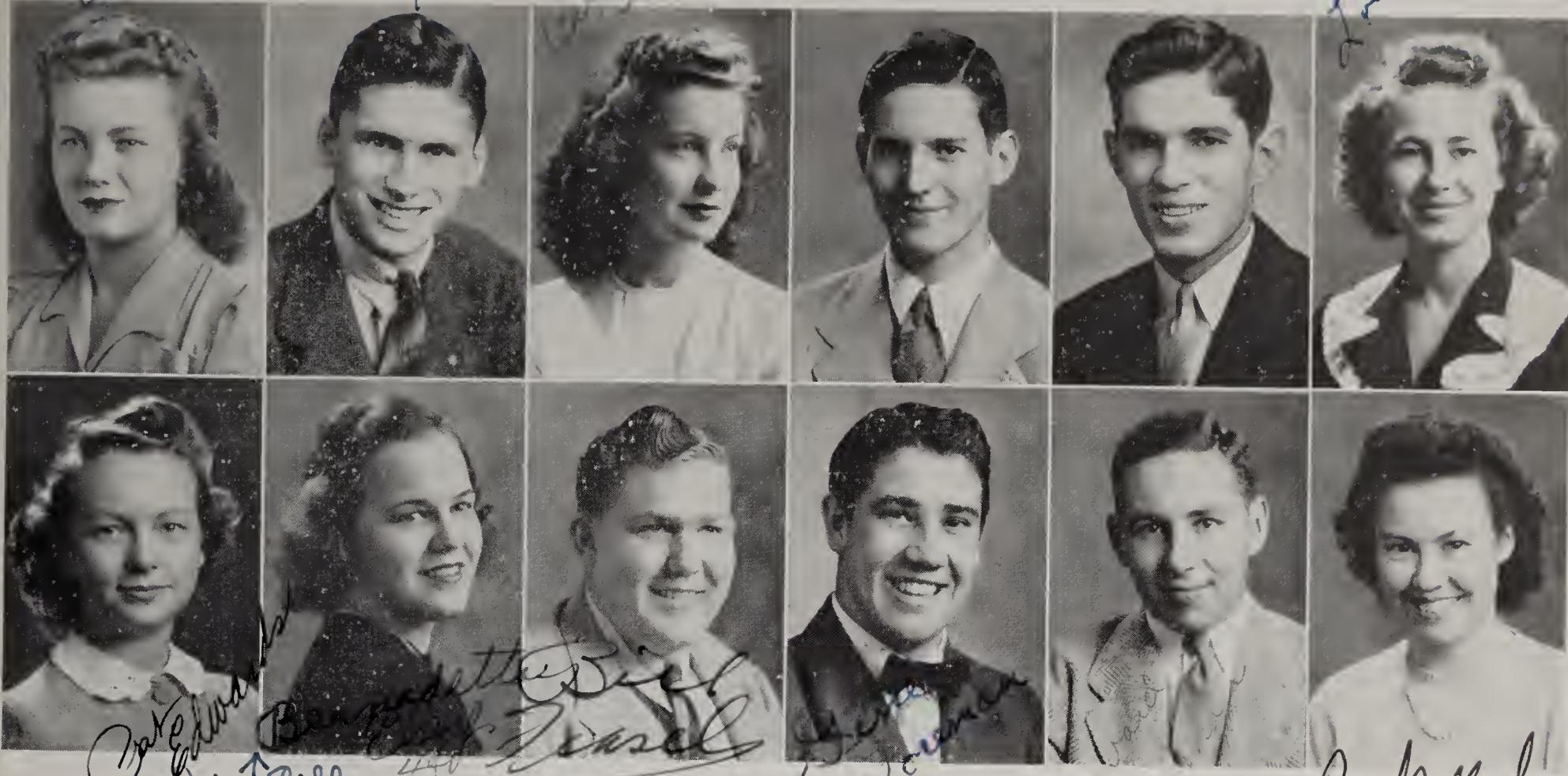
JAMES BRUNNEGRAFF

Howling Hosts '41-42-43-44
Glee Club '44
Football '42-43
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Leona Bultemeier

Bill Bumgardner

Jim Eady



SENIORS

First Row: Leona Bultemeier, William Bumgardner, Belva Burke, James Cochran, Orin Crider, Lois Eady
Second Row: Patricia Edwards, Bernadette Eley, William Feasel, Gene Foreman, Howard Foreman, Betty Gallogly

LEONA BULTEMEIER
 Home Economics Club '41-42
 Commercial Club '43-44
 Glee Club '43-44
 Pageant '43-44

WILLIAM BUMGARDNER
 Howling Hosts '42-43-44
 Basketball '42-43-44
 Track '42-43-44

BELVA BURKE
 Home Ec. Club '41
 Pep Champs '41-42-43-44
 Vice President of Pep Champs '43
 President of Pep Champs '44
 Girls' Band '41-42-43
 Girls' Band President '43
 High School Band '41-42-43-44
 Drum Corps '43-44
 Cheer Leader '42-43-44
 Commercial Club '43-44
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 Glee Club '43-44

JAMES COCHRAN
 Basketball '41-42-43-44
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 Secretary Commercial Club '44

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ORIN CRIDER
 Howling Hosts '41-42-43-44
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LOIS EADY
 Pep Champs '41-42-43-44
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PATRICIA EDWARDS
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 Pep Champs '41-42-43-44
 Commercial Club '43

BERNADETTE ELEY
 Home Ec. Club '41
 Pep Champs '41-42-43-44
 Art Club '44

Commercial Club '43-44
 Glee Club '44

WILLIAM FEASEL
 Football '42-43
 Howling Hosts '41-42-43-44
 Glee Club '44
 Art Club '44

GENE FOREMAN
 Football '41-42-43
 Howling Hosts '42-43-44
 Color Wheel Club '43-44
 Commercial Club '43-44
 Glee Club '43-44
 Captain of Intramural Team '42
 Intramural Leagues '41-42-43-44

HOWARD FOREMAN
 Howling Hosts '41-42-43-44
 Football '41-42-43
 Track Team '43-44
 Senior Class President '44
 Commercial Club '44
 Ravelings Staff '43-44
 Pageant '44

BETTY GALLOGLY
 Pep Champs '43-44
 Home Ec. Club '41-42
 Glee Club '43-44
 G. A. A. '41-42-44
 Pageant '43-44



Joe Kaehr SENIORS

First Row: Jack Garner, Lola Ruth Grove, Beverly Hakes, Dorothy Hammond, Keith Hammond, Helen Hazelwood

Second Row: Betty Hill, Karl Johnson, Joseph Kaehr, John Kelly, Lillian Koeneman, Selma Koeneman

Senior Activities

JACK GARNER

Howling Hosts '41-42-43-44
Basketball '43-44
Football '42-43-44
Glee Club '44
Commercial Club '44
Executive Committee '44
Football Captain '44
Pageant '44

LOLA RUTH GROVE

Monroe High School '41-42
Glee Club '44
Commercial Club '43-44
Pep Champs '43-44
Pageant '44

BEVERLY HAKES

Home Ec. Club '41-42
Glee Club '43-44
Pageant '43-44
Color Wheel Club '44

DOROTHY HAMMOND

Commercial Club '43
Pep Champs '41-42-43-44
G. A. A. '41-42

KEITH HAMMOND

Football '41-42-43-44
Howling Hosts '42-43-44
Pageant '43
Ravelings Staff '43-44

HELEN HAZELWOOD

Glee Club '43-44
Home Ec. Club '41
Pep Champs '41-42-43-44
Commercial Club '43-44
Yell Leader '42-43-44
G. A. A. '41-42-44
Pageant '43-44
Band '41-42-43-44

BETTY HILL

Home Ec. Club '41-42
G. A. A. '44

KARL JOHNSON

Monmouth High School '41-42
Glee Club '44
Intramural League '43-44
Commercial Club '44
Pageant '44
Howling Hosts '43-44

JOSEPH KAEHR

Junior Class Treasurer '42-43
Football '42-43
Basketball '42-43
Commercial Club '43-44
Howling Hosts '41-42-43-44
Secretary-Treasurer of Howling
Hosts '43-44
Intramural Basketball '41-44
Pageant '44

JOHN KELLY

Richmond H. S. '42-43
Howling Hosts '43-44
Intramural Leagues '44

LILLIAN KOENEMAN

Home Fc. Club '41
Glee Club '43-44
Commercial Club '43-44
Pep Champs '42-43-44
Pageant '43-44

SELMA KOENEMAN

Home Ec. Club '41-42
Glee Club '43-44
Pageant '43-44
Pep Champs '42-43-44
Commercial Club '43-44



SENIORS

First Row: Barbara Kohls, Ava Kraft, David Langston, Jerry Leitz, Beatrice Light, Max Ellen Liniger.

Second Row: Phyllis Owens, Manfred Melchi, Paul Moore, Robert Mutschler, Marjorie McAlhaney, Kenneth McConnell

Senior Activities

BARBARA KOHLS

Glee Club '43-44
Band '41-42-43-44
Commercial Club '43-44
Pep Champs '41-42-43-44
G. A. A. '41-42
Pageant '43

AVA KRAFT

Band '41-42-43-44
Glee Club '43-44
Pep Champs '41-42-43-44
Commercial Club '43-44
Home Ec. Club '41
Pageant '43-44
G. A. A. '41-42
Drum Corps '43-44

DAVID LANGSTON

Howling Hosts '41-42-43-44
Operetta '42
Ravelings Staff '43
Pageant '43-44
Commercial Club '44
Art Club '44

JERRY LEITZ

Football '41-42-43-44
Howling Hosts '41-42-43-44
Class Vice President '41-44
Track '43-44
Basketball Student Manager '44
Pageant '43-44
Commercial Club '44
Glee Club '43-44
Glee Club Treasurer '43
Intramural League '44

BEATRICE LIGHT

Home Ec. Club '41
Pep Champs '41-42-43-44
Glee Club '43-44
Pageant '43-44
Band '41-42

MAX ELLEN LINIGER

Kirkland High School '41
Pep Champs '42-43-44
Pep Champs' Secretary '43
Glee Club '44
Pageant '44

PHYLLIS OWENS

Home Ec. Club '41
Glee Club '43-44
Commercial Club '43-44
Pep Champs '41-42-43-44
Pageant '43-44
G. A. A. '41-42-44

MANFRED MELCHI

Band '39
Football '41-42-43
Track Team '43-44
Commercial Club '44
Glee Club '43-44

Howling Hosts '41-42-43-44

President Howling Hosts '44

Pageant '43-44

Ravelings Staff '42

Intramural League '40

PAUL MOORE

Howling Hosts '42-43-44
Commercial Club '44
Vice President of Sophomore
Class '42
President of Junior Class '43

ROBERT MUTSCHLER

Class President '41
Football '41-42-43
Basketball '42-43-44
Baseball '43-44
Tennis '42
Glee Club '43-44
Howling Hosts '41-42-43-44
Ravelings Staff '43-44
Vice President of Commercial
Club '44
President of Glee Club '44
Commercial Club '43-44
Pageant '43-44

MAJORIE McALHANEY

Home Ec. Club '41-42
Pep Champs '41-42-43-44
Commercial Club '43-44
Commercial Club Secretary '44
Glee Club '43-44
G. A. A. '41-42
Band '41-42-43-44
Pageant '43-44

KENNETH McCONNELL

Basketball '41-42-43-44
Tennis '41-42
Baseball '43-44
Commercial Club '43-44
Howling Hosts '41-42-43-44
Howling Hosts Executive Com-
mittee '42-43-44
Scholastic Letter '41
Pageant '43-44
Glee Club '44



SENIORS

First Row: Juanita Malone, Eugene Pettibone, Ronald Pierce, Floyd Reed, Francile Reidenbach, Alvin Rickord
Second Row: Marjorie Schnepf, Patricia Schnepp, Kathleen Shackley, Jack Shady, Mary Jane Shaffer, Roberta Slamp

Senior Activities

JUANITA MALONEY

Pep Champs '41-42-43-44
 Home Ec. Club '41
 Commercial Club '43-44
 Pageant '43-44
 Glee Club '43-44
 Glee Club Vice President '44
 Senior Class Secretary '44
 Ravelings Staff '44
 G. A. A. '44

EUGENE PETTIBONE

Portland High School '41-42
 Football '43
 Baseball '44
 Glee Club '43-44
 Art Club '43-44
 Howling Hosts '43-44
 Pageant '44
 Intramural Basketball '43-44

RONALD PIERCE

Columbia City '41
 Van Wert '42
 Commercial Club '42-43
 Glee Club '42-43-44
 Football '42-43-44
 Basketball '42-43-44
 Yell Leader '42
 Baseball '43-44
 Pageant '43-44

FLOYD REED

Football '41-42-43
 Basketball '41-42-43-44
 Baseball '41-42-43-44
 Howling Hosts '41-42-43-44
 Commercial Club '43-44
 Glee Club '44
 Pageant '44
 Sophomore Class President
 Vice President of Junior Class
 Vice President of Howling Hosts
 '44
 Captain of Basketball Team '44

FRANCILE REIDENBACH

Pep Champs '41-42-43-44
 Commercial Club '43-44
 Color Wheel Club '43-44
 G. A. A. '41-42-44
 Home Ec. Club '41-42
 Glee Club '43-44
 Pageant '43-44

ALVIN RICKORD

Football '43-44
 Baseball '42-43
 Howling Hosts '41-42-43-44
 Basketball '41-42-44
 U. S. Navy

MARJORIE SCHNEPF

Monmouth High School '41-42
 Glee Club '43-44
 Commercial Club '43-44
 Ravelings Staff '43-44
 Pep Champs '43-44

PATRICIA SCHNEPP

Pep Champs '41-42-43-44
 Commercial Club '43-44
 Color Wheel Club '43-44
 G. A. A. '41-42
 Home Ec. Club '41-42
 Glee Club '44
 Pageant '44

KATHLEEN SHACKLEY

Home Ec. Club '41-42
 Commercial Club '43-44
 Glee Club '43-44
 Color Wheel Club '44
 Pep Champs '41-42-43-44

JACK SHADY

Howling Hosts '41-42-43-44
 Baseball '42
 Track '43
 Football '43
 Pageant '43-44
 Commercial Club '43-44
 Basketball '43-44

MARY JANE SHAFFER

Glee Club '43-44
 Art Club '44
 Pep Champs '43-44

ROBERTA SLAMP

White High School
 South Dakota '41-42-43
 Pep Champs '44
 Commercial Club '44
 Band '44
 Pageant '44



SENIORS

First Row: Jean Slusher, Vernon Smitley, John Spaahr, Donald Springer, Alice Owens, Melvin Thieme
Second Row: Edward Walters, June Ward, Betty Weber, Marjorie Weldy, Norma Werling, Glenn Sheets

Senior Activities

JEAN SLUSHER

Glee Club '43-44
 Pep Champs '41-42-43-44
 Commercial Club '43-44
 Home Ec. Club '41
 Pageant '43-44
 G. A. A. '41-42-44
 Color Wheel Club '43-44

VERNON SMITLEY

Monmouth High School '41-42
 Pageant '43
 Commercial Club '43-44
 Howling Hosts '44

JOHN SPAHR

Basketball '41-42-43-44
 Football '41-42-43-44
 Track '43-44
 Glee Club '43-44
 Pageant '43-44
 Boys' Quartet '43-44
 Double Quartet '43-44
 Operetta '42
 Commercial Club '44
 Scholastic Letter '41
 Howling Hosts '41-42-43-44
 Senior Class Treasurer
 Ravelings Editor '43-44

DON SPRINGER

Howling Hosts '43-44
 Art Club '43
 Commercial Club '44
 U. S. Navy Air Corps

ALICE OWENS

Home Ec. Club '41-42
 Pep Champs '41-42-43-44
 Color Wheel Club '42-43-44
 President of Color Wheel Club
 '42-43
 Ravelings Staff '43-44
 Glee Club '43-44
 Pageant '43-44
 Commercial Club '43-44

MELVIN THIEME

Howling Hosts '42-43-44
 U. S. Army Air Corps

EDWARD WALTERS

Howling Hosts '41-42-43-44
 Glee Club '43-44
 Pageant '43-44
 Commercial Club '43-44
 Intramural Basketball '42-44

JUNE WARD

Art Club '42-44
 Glee Club '44
 Pep Champs '43-44
 Home Ec. Club '41-42
 Pageant '44

BETTY WEBER

Home Ec. Club '41-42
 Commercial Club '43-44
 Glee Club '43-44
 Pep Champs '41-42-43-44
 Pageant '43-44

MARJORIE WELDY

Home Ec. Club '41-42
 G. A. A. '41-42-44
 Pep Champs '44

NORMA WERLING

Glee Club '43-44
 Pep Champs '41-42-43-44
 Commercial Club '43-44
 Pageant '43
 Home Ec. Club '41

GLENN SHEETS

Intercession City High School
 Intercession City, Florida



SENIOR SNAPS

1. Max Ellen Liniger without the horse. 2. Betty Gallogly, ready for a party. 3. Pat Schnepp, Francile Reidenbach, and Bernadetta Eley, three dignified seniors. 4. June Ward smiling on the world. 5. Jim Cochran at a tender age. 6. Mary Bollinger, the picture of innocence. 7. Kathleen Shackley waiting under the apple tree. 8. Our own Howard Foreman. 9. Get your tongue in, Evelyn Andrews. 10. The lurking Orin Crider. 11. Happy Helen Hazelwood. 12. The southern gal, Sara Boutwell. 13. Alice Owens, recuperating. 14. Marjory Schnepp, Bob Mutschler, and Irene Brooks, a rose between two thorns. 15. Ava Kraft gazing at the countryside. 16. Gene Foreman, the showoff.



SENIOR SNAPS

1. Leona Bultemeier with a horse. 2. The playful Roberta Slamp. 3. Norma Werling on her vehicle. 4. Betty Hill with her man of the hour. 5. Phyllis Owens on her way to Lane's. 6. The gaping Floyd Reed. 7. John Spahr displaying his personality. 8. Alvin Rickord strolling in the snow. 9. Pauline Brintzenhofe welcoming the spring. 10. The great photographer, Keith Hammond. 11. Manfred Melchi smiling on his gal. 12. Betty Weber romping with her pet. 13. Lois Eady posing sweetly. 14. Jerry Leitz and Jack Garner, two hunks of men?? 15. Belva Burke admiring nature's beauty. 16. The studious mid-year graduates.



JUNIORS

First Row: Clarice Anspaugh, Everett Arthur, Robert August, Virginia Badders, Margaret Baker, Norma Baker, Kathryn Baxter, Gloria Bleeker, Leo Borne.

Second Row: Bill Bromer, Barney Brooks, Bill Butler, Marilyn Carroll, Robert Christen, Tom Colter, Donn Eichar, Troy Fennig, Don Fifer, Helen Frank.

Third Row: Ilo Frank, Juanita Fruchte, Margaret Fruchte, Lenore Fuelling, Dick Gehrig, Keith Gilpin, Rosamond Graham, Joan Hamma, Bill Hawkins, Leona Holle.

Fourth Row: Bill Howell, Virginia Huker, Eloise Jackson, Jim King, Eldora Kirchner, Pat Kitson, Roger Knapp, Anita Koeneman, Mary Jo Krick, Don Liechty.

Junior Class History

Attention! We are presenting a class—a large and illustrious class—the juniors of '44. The years have hurried by so rapturously that it seems virtually impossible that in one more year the portals of dear old D. H. S. will close on our high school career and these noble halls of learning will echo upon our graduation, "And so another class is permanently dismissed for great accomplishments."

We have had a busy and happy year under the wise and kindly supervision of our sponsor, Miss Lewton; and our student group of eighty-two members elected capable officers to assist her in every way. The honorable president, Donnabelle Roop; vice president, Virginia Huker; secretary, Gloria Striker; and treasurer, Leo Borne have all performed

the functions of their respective offices well.

And here are those whose scholastic attainments placed their names on the honor roll: Rosamond Graham, Leona Holle, Patricia Kitson, Anita Koeneeman, Margery Linn, Jane Maddox, Kathleen McConnell, Bill Marbaugh, Donnabelle Roop, Edna Mae Schultz, Vera Steury, and Ronald Stucky.

Now for the sports line-up. We are very proud of our gridiron heroes. Those in the stampeding line-up were Everett Arthur, Robert August, Bill Bromer, Barney Brooks, Tom Colter, Donn Eichar, Bill Marbaugh, and Charles Peterson.

We were represented on the regular team of basket-bawlers by Bill Bromer; and reserves were Barney Brooks, Tom Colter, and Donn Eichar.



JUNIORS

First Row: Lowell Lincoln, Margery Linn, Tom Lutes, Jane Maddox, Bill Marbaugh, Bonnie Melchi, Colleen Miller, Ruth Joann Miller, Lois Mitchell, Mary Moore.

Second Row: Paul Morgan, Ruth Myers, Kathleen McConnell, Helen Owens, Charles Peterson, Mary Pollock, Ralph Reef, Betty Roop, Donnabelle Roop, Joyce Roop.

Third Row: Ralph Ross, Clarice Sauer, Marcia Schnepp, Waunetta Schnepp, Edna Mae Schultz, Charleen Shackley, Dick Sheets, Robert Smitley, Mary Smith, Roger Staley.

Fourth Row: Russell Stanley, Viola Steele, Vera Steury, Jean Strahn, Gloria Striker, Ronald Stucky, Phyllis Venis, Wilma Wilson, Ruth Yost, Frank Young.

Junior Class History

Hats off to those who played on the diamond: Everett Arthur, Bill Marbaugh, and Charles Peterson.

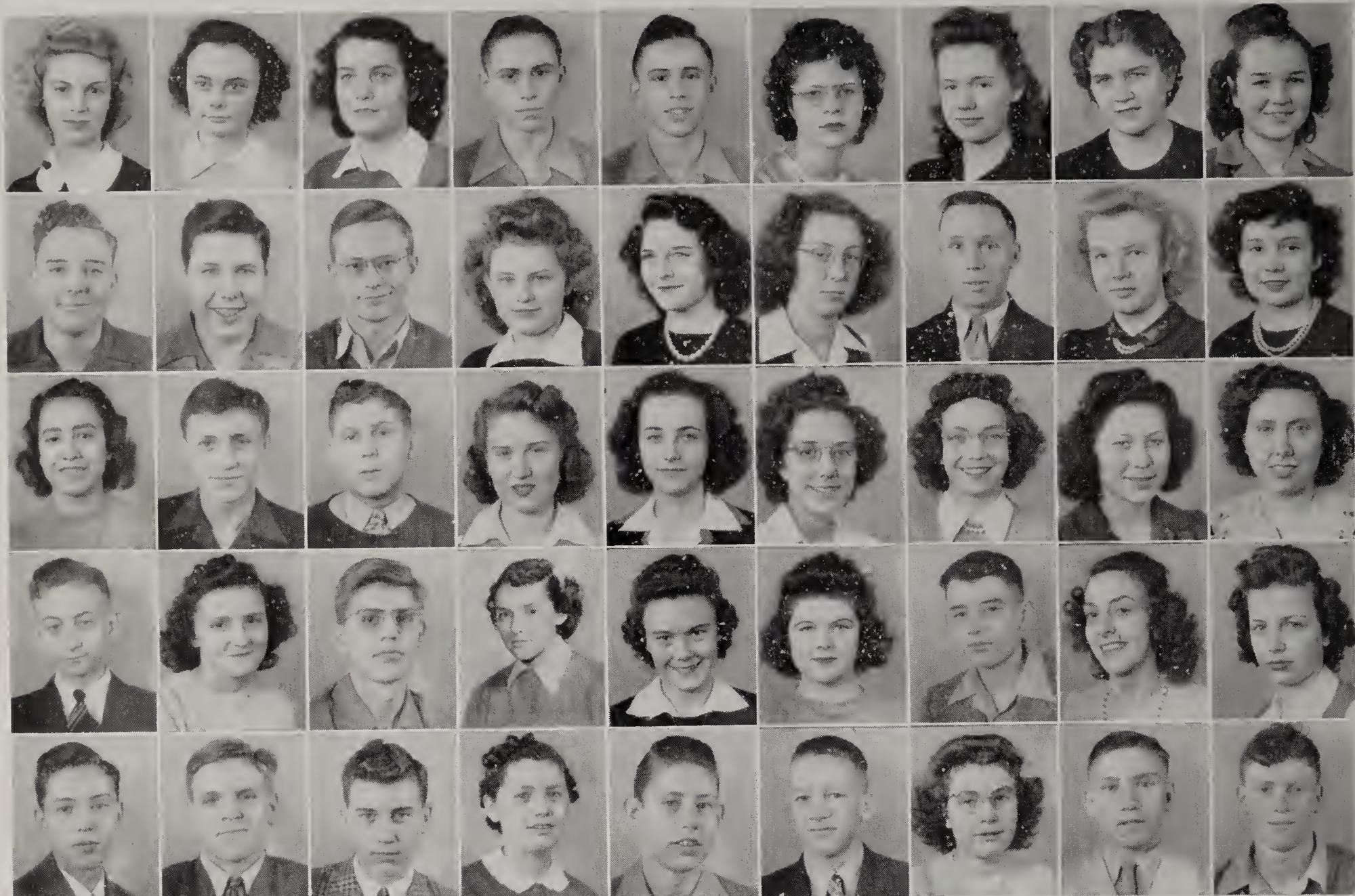
It must be admitted that not many juniors made the track team, yet Bill Bromer represented us well.

Girls' basketball flourished this year and even organized into the "Friday night group" some very energetic players who couldn't get rid of all that surplus steam in class. At the beginning of the year there were exercises of every sort and the girls performed them faithfully, in fervent hope that the bending and twisting and jerking would result in some good.

Volley ball was also popular among these female commandos, and it must be admitted that they were

pretty good players, at that. During the achievement tests, everyone was taxed to his greatest ability; but we had the satisfaction of knowing that most of our ratings were high, as compared to many other schools in different districts.

All through the story of the experiences and achievements of the junior class of '45 there runs a strain of enthusiasm and progressiveness for which we may be proud. To this can be added a patriotic fervor, born by the troubled conditions of our country, which have aided us to show in the past not only love to our native land but also love to our Alma Mater. We are proud of these attitudes, and we trust them to direct us toward further achievement in our senior year.



SOPHOMORES

First Row: Irene Andress, Catherine Andrews, Geraldine Andrews, Lawren Arnold, Warren Arnold, Betty Baumgartner, Mary Alice Beineke, Joan Bodle, Barbara Bracey.
Second Row: Lynford Bracey, Don Brunnegraff, Paul Bucher, Wanda Busse, Mary Jo Butler, Lois Chronister, Richard Cottrell, Joan Cowan, Grace Daniels.
Third Row: Norma Lou Eady, Bill Eichhorn, Hubert Feasel, Catherine Fisher, Anna Catherine Friedley, Evelyn Frohnapfel, Patricia Garner, Donna Gilpen, Janet Goldner.
Fourth Row: Waynard Habegger, Norma Hazelwood, Ted Hill, Barbara Hoblet, Phyllis Hoffman, Betty Irwin, Jerry Ketchum, Ruth Kiefer, Ardena Kirchner.
Fifth Row: Richard Knapp, Carey Knittle, Karl Kolter, Jean Lautenschleger, Jerry Lichtenstiger, Frank Lundin, Ann Maddox, Don Marbaugh, Merritt Marbach.

Sophomore Class History

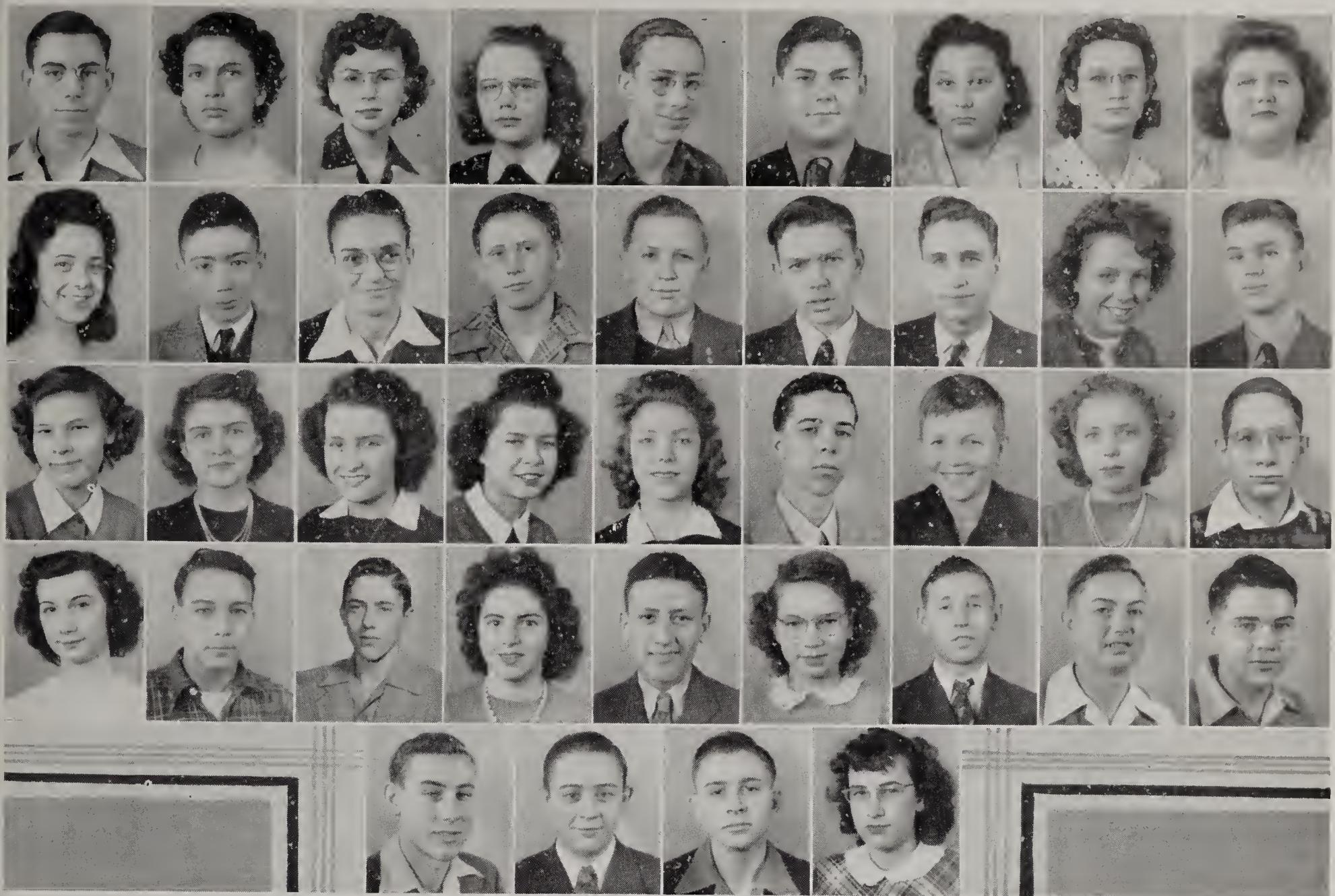
Upon consulting Webster's dictionary it is found that the word sophomore means the second year in a college, university, or high school; and it also means foolish. We agree on the first part of the definition, but we resent the second part; and upon reading the summary of the year's accomplishments of the sophomore class, we think you will see why.

Shortly after school opened the sophomore class was organized. After much debate and voting, Melvin Taylor was chosen president; Jerry Ketchum, vice president; Bill Porter, secretary and Barbara Hoblet, treasurer. Mr. Mumma was our sponsor and was very well chosen and capable, as he had been the sophomore sponsor for six years previous.

During the year there was an honor roll, and those

who attained it were Richard Saylor, Frank Lundin Jr., Merritt Marbach, Betty Roeder, Barbara Hoblet, Leigh Nelson, Phyllis Teeter, Roger Schnepp, and Evelyn Frohnapfel. Getting on the honor roll was really an honor and took a lot of work, and we were proud of those who made it.

The sophomores were also social-minded and realized that being a good mixer was a great asset. Many participated in the Pep Champs and Howling Hosts and some in the Home Economics Club, Art Club, and band. The sophomores also did their bit to make the pageant a success. It is not to be overlooked that eight sophomore girls and eight boys were chosen to serve at the annual junior and senior banquet, and they became more sophisticated than the rest of us; but we soon caught up.



SOPHOMORES

First Row: Dwight Marshall, Jo Ann Metzger, Verena Moore, Marjorie Moser, Dwight Junior Myers, Gene Myers, Shirley Myers, Imogene McFarland, Mary Jane McGill.

Second Row: Jo Ann McMillan, Leigh Nelson, Max Cogg, Don Pickford, Jess Flasterer, James Pollock, Bill Porter, Geraldine Ray, Jack Rayer.

Third Row: Patsy Richards, Mary Lou Robinson, Betty Roeder, Barbara Roop, Bonnie Roop, Richard Saylor, Roger Schnepf, Marelyn Schultz, James Shackley.

Fourth Row: Kathryn Slusher, Gerald Springer, Fred Steiner, Lavon Strickler, Melvin Taylor, Phyllis Teeter, Raymond Thieme, Wilbert Thieme, Phillip Thomas.

Fifth Row: Melvin Werling, Bill Whittredge, Don Wolfe, Onalee Zimmerman.

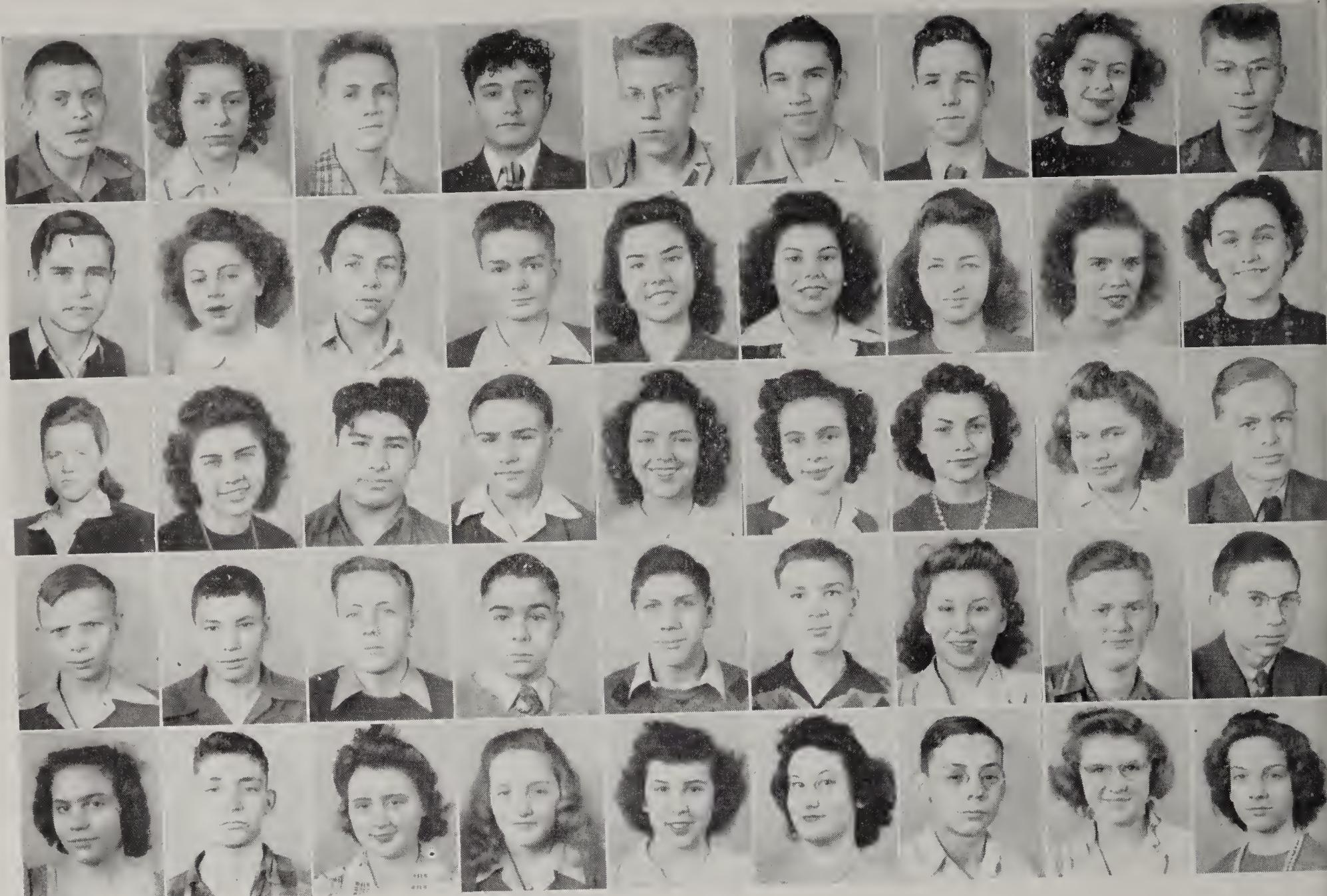
Sophomore Class History

Sports also played a big part in school activities and the boys and girls were well represented. The girls played intra-school basketball and did exercises in gym. The exercises were compulsory but helped to keep figures trim.

In basketball Bill Porter and Ted Hill played on the first team, and they helped to achieve the success that the basketball team had this year. Roger Schnepf, Fred Steiner, Lawren Arnold, Warren Arnold, Leigh Nelson, and Jerry Ketchum played on the second team; and they really did a good job.

Paul Hammond made the first team in football, and his playing helped to make the fine record that the team had. Others who went out for football were Gerald Springer, Jim Pollock, Jerry Lichtenstiger, Don Brunnegraff, and Bill Porter. Some boys also went out for baseball and track.

The names mentioned above are numerous. They represent many who have aided our class thus far; who have helped shoulder the burdens and responsibilities. However, we hopefully look forward to an even greater list next year; more names of more students who have more to offer.



FRESHMEN

First Row: Thomas Ahr, Betty Jean Anspaugh, Herman Andress, Robert Arnold, Leo Bailey, William Bailey, Jay Barnett, Helen Baughman, Carl Beehler.

Second Row: James Beery, Nancy Bell, Norbert Bleeke, Robert Boknecht, Joan Bowman, Phyllis Bowman, Helene Bristol, Joan Breiner, Kathleen Butler.

Third Row: Joan Casselman, Phyllis Chronister, Alfonso Costello, Edward Deitsch, Betty Dixon, Colleen Edgell, Kathryn Ann Edwards, Dora May Fairchild, William Freeby.

Fourth Row: Herbert Fruchte, Lawrence Gallogly, Thomas Garner, Gene Gay, Richard Gunder, Junior Hakey, Carolyn Hammond, Lyman Hann, Jack Harker.

Fifth Row: Frances Harrod, James Hart, Ruth Hess, Florence Hitchcock, Marcella Hoffman, Ruth Holthouse, William Huston, Jean Huker, Donna Jaberg.

Freshmen Class History

Our class drew one of the finest days of the year last September to enroll in the Decatur High School. Eighty-eight freshmen responded to the call of education. Of course, we were all considered green by the higher students, but it would have been well for them to remember that they were freshmen before they became upperclassmen. Besides, most of us had had some experience in this school as members of the junior high. We at least had most of the rooms and teachers located.

We didn't believe we could get along without organizing; so shortly after school started, a class meeting was called in the gym. Nominations were made and votes were cast and counted; results—Bill Lichtenstiger, who got up to make his speech

and could hardly make a sound, president; Dale Smiley, vice president; Rosaleen Myers, secretary; and Ruth Werling, treasurer. The latter three duplicated Bill's speech, using a little originality, however. Out of five teachers eligible, Mr. Alger was selected for sponsor. He received the majority of all votes cast. So, with a few objections, we settle down for a year of advancement. It wasn't long until we had struggled through the first six weeks, the second, and so on. The Tuesday following each period we trudged down to Mr. Alger's room for our report cards with hopeful and expectant faces. Some looked relieved because their grades weren't any lower, but others were terribly disappointed and let down.



FRESHMEN

First Row: Mary Ellen Johnson, Wilma Jean Johnson, Phyllis Ladd, Helen Landrum, Mary Leitz, Martha Lenhart, Norman Leonardson, Bill Lichtenstiger, Phyllis Liby.

Second Row: Eugene Lyons, Monte Marbach, Stanley McBride, Phyllis McClure, Betty McGill, Wilma Merriman, Robert Metzger, Marcella Miller, Joan Mitchell.

Third Row: Erma Morrison, Gene Moser, Rae Myers, Rosaleen Myers, Harold Nash, Jeaninne Nelson, David Pollock, Helen Railing, Virginia Rash.

Fourth Row: Raymond Ralston, Kathryn Reef, Robert Roop, Kenneth Ross, Ralph Sauer, Ralph Schnitz, Martha Sheets, Calvin Smitley, Dale Smitley.

Fifth Row: Anna Steury, Catherine Sudduth, James Summers, Eileen Thieme, Charley Ward, Betty Walters, Ruth Werling, Alma Williams, Faye Wolfe.

Freshmen Class History

Requirements for the Honor Roll were two a's and the rest b's. No c's allowed. Ten laid claim to the fact that they attained this goal. Those happy ones were Tom Ahr, Helene Bristol, Bill Freeby, Donna Jaberg, Monte Marbach, Wilma Merriman, Erma Morrison, Jeaninne Nelson, Eileen Thieme, and Ruth Werling.

The experience of three boys as members of the junior high team last year was to their benefit. They were given places on the second team this year. These three were Tom Ahr, Herman Andress, and Calvin Smitley. Carl Beehler was also on the second team.

The Howling Hosts had several howling members

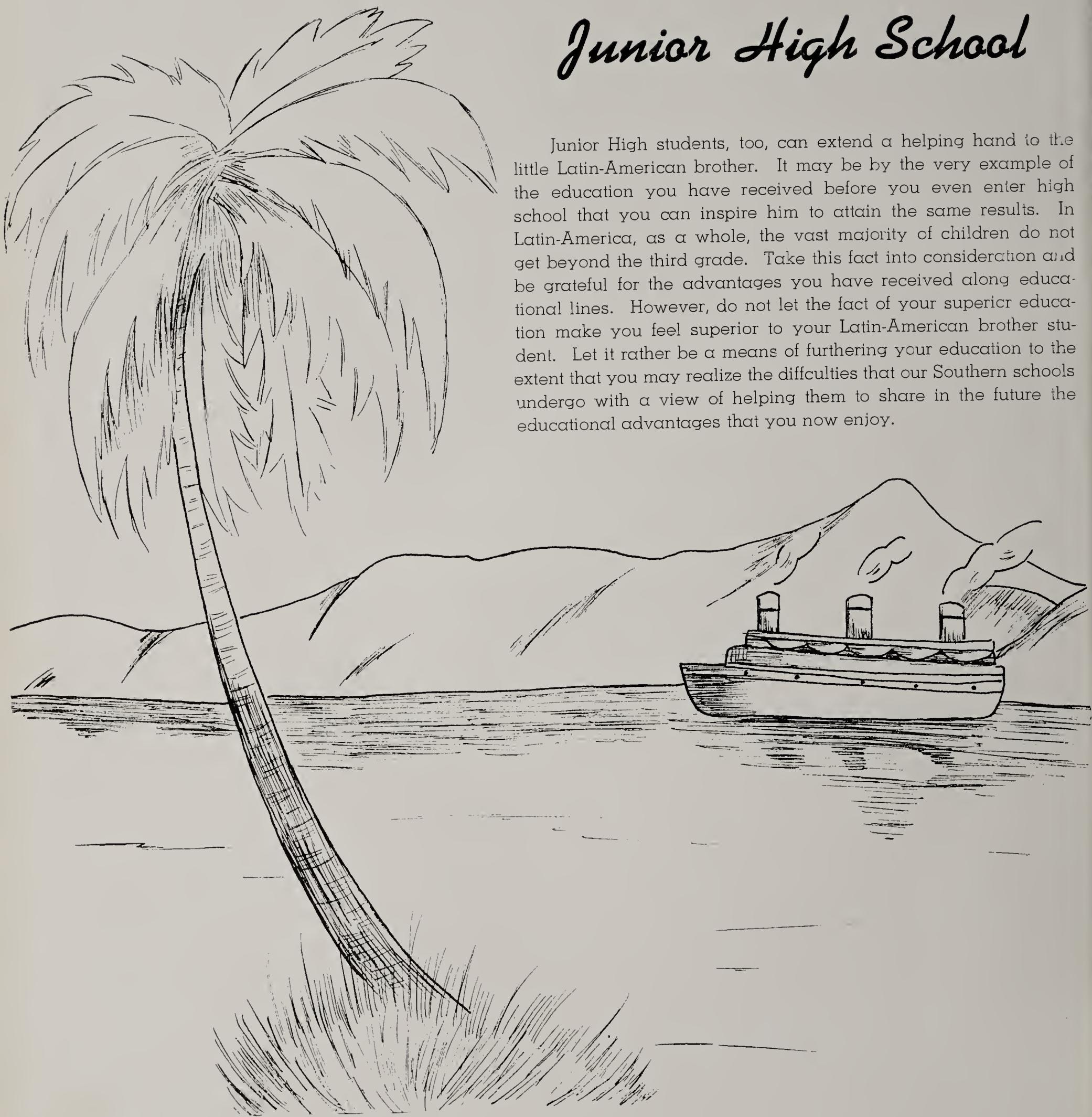
in the freshman boys. At least they made a lot of noise in the halls. As for the girls, they were furnishing that extra pep in the Pep Champs' organization. Some of the more industrious girls also belonged to the Home Economics Club.

Mr. Sellemeyer had nine freshmen in the band. On the clarinets were Helen Baughman, Donna Jaberg, Joan Mitchell, and Anna Marie Steury. Kathryn Edwards handled the drums while Jean Huker played the saxophone; Mary Leitz the baritone; and Harold Nash and Dale Smitley, cornets.

All in all, the freshmen went far in everything they undertook, and they all looked forward to being sophomores next year in the halls of D. H. S.

Junior High School

Junior High students, too, can extend a helping hand to the little Latin-American brother. It may be by the very example of the education you have received before you even enter high school that you can inspire him to attain the same results. In Latin-America, as a whole, the vast majority of children do not get beyond the third grade. Take this fact into consideration and be grateful for the advantages you have received along educational lines. However, do not let the fact of your superior education make you feel superior to your Latin-American brother student. Let it rather be a means of furthering your education to the extent that you may realize the difficulties that our Southern schools undergo with a view of helping them to share in the future the educational advantages that you now enjoy.





"Oh, say can you see—." The junior high yell leaders. Eighth grade officers. Mr. Ketchum, eighth grade sponsor. Mr. Smith, seventh grade sponsor. Seventh grade officers.





EIGHTH GRADE

First Row: Joan Andrews, Wanda Badders, Onalee Barger, Bruce Baughn, Norris Blocker, Royal Bollinger, Loren Brentlinger, Harold Brown, James Brown.

Second Row: Norman Burnett, Don Chronister, Norman Corey, Jenevieve Costello, Dorothy Cottrell, Jim Cowen, Jane Dailey, Kenneth Durbin, Dwight Egly, Glen Essex.

Third Row: Herman Everett, Evelyn Fisher, Jim Fisher, Dorothy Flaugh, Robert Franklin, Roger Gentis, George Gilbert, Roberta Hahn, Robert Haley, Waldo Harvey.

Fourth Row: Georgia Hazelwood, Jack Heller, Carol Hetzel, Connie Hill, Ronald Hill, Betty Jean Hollingsworth, Brice Hower, Jim Hurst, Everett Hutker, Ralph Jackson.

Eighth Grade Class History

On the opening day of the present school year a very enthusiastic group gathered in the halls of D. H. S. They were the lonely seventh graders of the previous year. Now they were members of the higher bracket.

Some few were missing, having moved to other cities, and some new ones added to the ranks. These latter included Don Slusher, Wanda Badders, Bill Kingsley, Jenevieve Costello, Goldie Mae Stevens, Waldo (Jack) Harvey, and Carol Hetzel, which made the total of seventy-nine pupils.

We deeply regretted the absence of Mary Kathryn Vian, whom God had seen fit to take from our midst.

Early in the season the class chose as their sponsor Mr. Amos Ketchum, and a very good choice he proved to be. The officers elected were as follows: Jack Heller, who moved in March to another town, president; Jim Cowens, vice president; Bill Kingsley, secretary; and Max Melchi, treasurer. Max must be good, for he was the seventh grade treasurer also.

The two bands were blessed again this year, at last, with several eighth graders, including Karlann Striker, Bonnie Scheiferstein, Jane Dailey, Medford Smith, Everett Hutker, Ed Mattox, Norma Wilson, Connie Hill, Anna Schwartz, Jacqueline Warren, Anita Rentz, Phyllis Kraft, Raymond Lehman, Norma Lammert, and Dorothy Flaugh.



EIGHTH GRADE

First Row: Kenneth Jennings, Catherine Johnson, Richard King, Bill Kingsley, Phyllis Kraft, Norman Kruse, Norma Lammert, Raymond Lehman, Max Lyons.

Second Row: Legora Markle, Edsal Mattox, Robert McAlhany, Barbara McManama, Max Melchi, Eileen Meyer, David Moore, Anita Rentz, Jack Reynolds, Roger Reynolds.

Third Row: Gordon Rice, Rex Roop, Bonnie Scheiferstein, Anna Schwartz, Robert Shackley, Annabelle Shaffer, Donald Slusher, Medford Smith, Karlann Striker, Bonnie Lou Suman.

Fourth Row: Evelyn Summers, Roberta Swager, Norma Swygart, Mary June Teeple, Helen Ward, Jacqueline Warren, Norma Jean Wilson, Charlotte Witham, William Wolfe, Samuel Yost.

Eighth Grade Class History

The junior high school basketball team included these eighth graders: Max Melchi, Raymond Lehman, Bruce Baughn, Loren Brentlinger, Bob McAlhany, Ronald Hill and Bob Haley. The Wemhoff Trophy was again captured by the St. Joseph School this year. The Berne trophy was lost by junior high, too. Despite these setbacks, the boys gave every evidence of becoming better athletes next year.

The two eighth grades participated in a basketball league against each other. The 8B² yell leaders were Wanda Badders, Carol Hetzel, and Jack Fisher. Bonnie Scheiferstein and Phyllis Kraft were leaders for 8B¹.

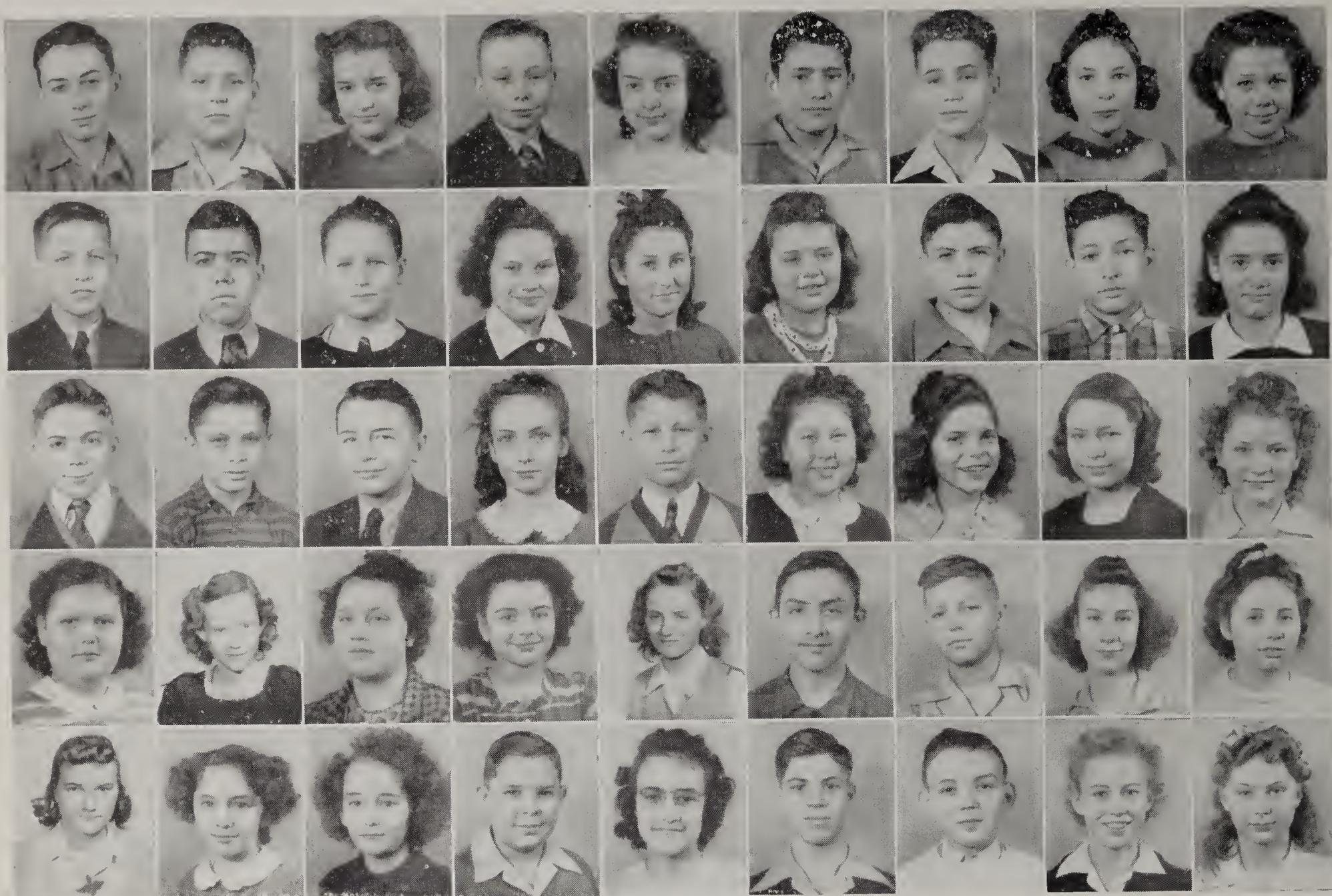
The eighth graders were considered grown up enough to attend the "Sock Hop," following the sen-

ior high victory of the regional tourney. Their conduct was above reproach and they will no doubt be welcomed into "the crowd" next year even if the tag "green" is attached.

This class failed somehow to contribute to the honor roll as they should have. Only a few reached this high place. Some, once—and a few, more often. They were Bonnie Scheiferstein, Jane Dailey, Karlann Striker, Medford Smith, Jack Heller, and Phyllis Kraft.

Following the basketball season, the gym period for the girls was turned over to stop, volley ball, hikes, and general exercises.

It was without fear that the class approached the halls of higher training and responsibility that was opened to them, having completed this year of junior high.



SEVENTH GRADE

First Row: Albert Andrews, Max Andrews, Barbara Anspaugh, Carl Bauman, Margene Bauer, Samuel Bogner, Roger Borne, Betty Brodbeck, Dora Brunnegraff.

Second Row: Paul Busse, James Callow, Sheldon Daniels, Joan Death, Dorothy Dersch, Joan Dixon, Tom Eichhorn, Raymond Evans, Ruth Fennig.

Third Row: Jim Fisher, Graydon Foreman, Don Freeby, Marilyn Garner, Max Gilpin, Barbara Gunder, Betty Harrod, Ellen Hart, Alice Hawkins.

Fourth Row: Barbara Helm, Elizabeth Hersh, Mary Hess, Sharon Hite, Donna Hurst, Clarence Hunter, Bill Hutker, Louise Johnson, Norma Johnson.

Bottom Row: Eileen Krick, Nancy Krick, Sarah Krick, Robert Krueckeberg, Alice Langston, Bryan Lehman, Doyle Liby, Joan Lichtenstiger, Lois Lindhorst.

Seventh Grade Class History

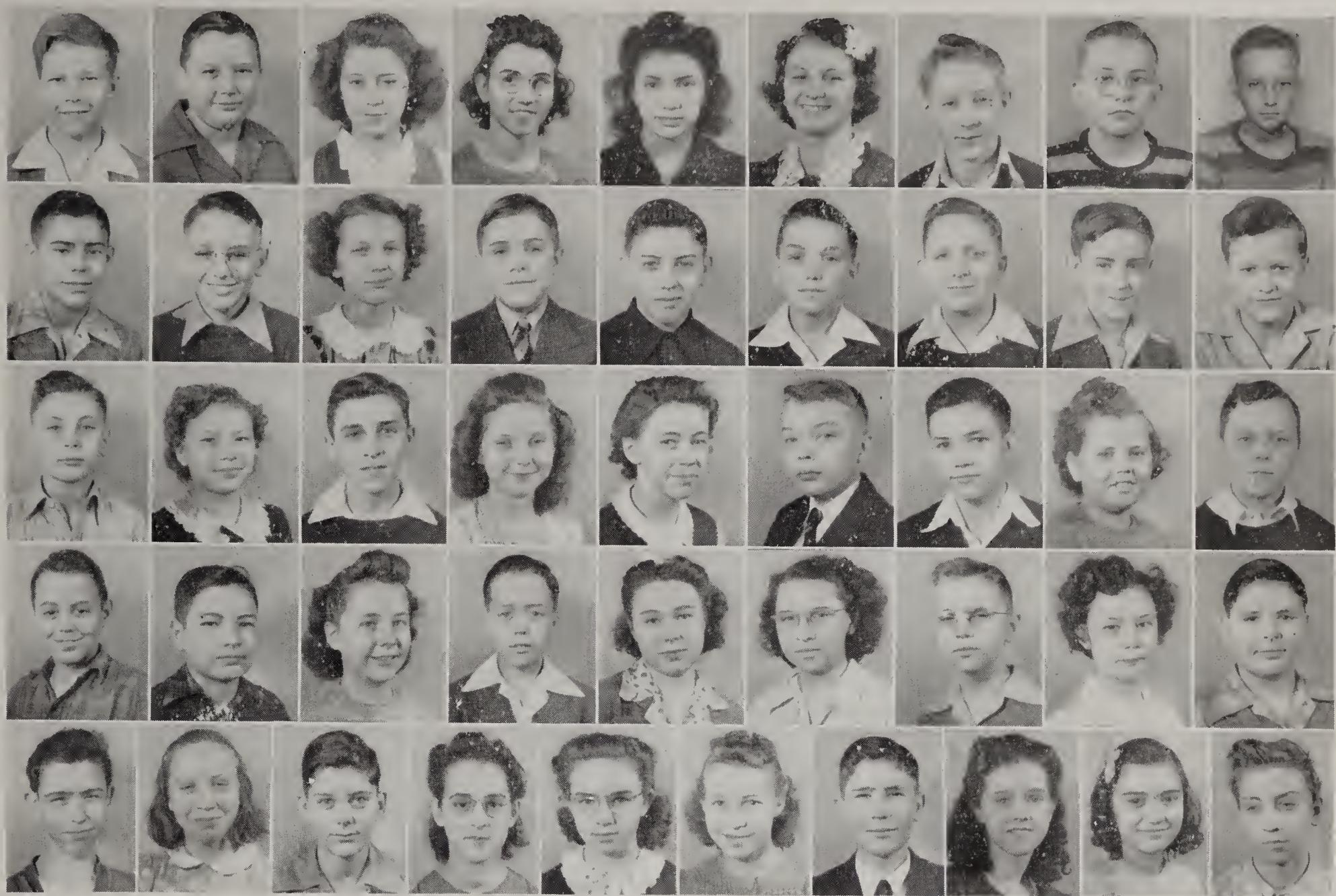
At the beginning of the year good old D. H. S. welcomed a group of students to the routine of a new school life. These students, ninety in number, were the new seventh graders who had already resolved to act as real grown-up as possible. They began by electing class officers and a sponsor. This was something new but they carried it through in a very business-like manner. Their choice for sponsor was Mr. Smith, who also teaches them geography and history. The officers elected were as follows:

President Kristine Striker

Vice President Clair Reynolds
 Secretary Victor Porter
 Treasurer Mary Ellen Wagner

Some of the students decided they were musically inclined and took lessons from Mr. Sellemeyer. They hoped to be in the band some day.

Seventeen seventh graders got on the honor roll. They were proud of this and rightfully, too. They were Shirley Preuss, Margene Bauer, Mary Ellen Wagner, Ruth Fennig, Betty Harrod, Philip Merriman, Joan Lichtenstiger, Sally Smith, Gerald



SEVENTH GRADE

First Row: Merlin Lister, Thomas Lister, Phyllis Lough, Barbara Marshall, Georgena Martinas, Patsy May, Ray McLean, Dave MacLean, Don MacLean.

Second Row: Richard McConnell, Phillip Merriman, Lois Metzger, Max Myers, Robert Nicodemus, Dick Ogg, Victor Porter, Gene Rennels, Claire Reynolds.

Third Row: Bill Reynolds, Annabelle Roop, Kenneth Roop, Barbara Scutter, Mary Katherine Schafer, Gerald Schultz, Lawrence Scott, Elizabeth Sheets, Richard Sheets.

Fourth Row: Byford Smith, Robert Smith, Sally Smith, Carl Smitley, Ruth Smitley, Patsy Springer, Norman Stingely, Kristine Striker, Robert Stults.

Bottom Row: Albert Sudduth, Mary Sudduth, Neil Thomas, Lois Troutner, Joan Von Gunten, Mary Ellen Wagner, Jack Weldy, Dorothy Welker, Wanda Whittenbarger, Norman Wolfe.

Seventh Grade Class History

Schultz, Annabelle Roop, Victor Porter, Don MacLean, Dick McConnell, Mary C. Schafer, Samuel Bogner, Lois Troutner, and Kristine Striker.

Four of the boys—Dick McConnell, Dan Freeby, Lawrence Scott, and Albert Andrews—all seventh graders, made the junior high basketball team and put up a swell fight. The girls yelled for them with all their might.

There was something at D. H. S. that wasn't new to the seventh grade. That was buying defense stamps. They previously had done a lot toward giving Lincoln School a fine record. They weren't

slackers this year, either. They were right in there helping to keep the "Minute Man Flag" flying over their new school.

However, one of the things that was new to the seventh graders was the study hall. Some thought for a time that this place, with chairs placed so conveniently close together was an ideal setup for the proverbial ladies' aid society. After prospective members had to write the study hall rules several times, they got down to work. Now they consider themselves old-timers and know just about how to act in school.

Athletics

Somehow we in "Norte" America get the idea that bull fighting is the national sport of all Latin-American countries. However, bull fighting has been prohibited in many of the republics and their sports are now pretty much the same as ours. "Tenis" and "Basquetbal" (tennis and basketball) are becoming very popular while our national sport, baseball, is sweeping over the entire South American continent. Thus do our bonds, not only national, but international, grow stronger because of the rising number of contests in every known sport between our country and those of Latin-America. Good, clean rivalry, backed by good sportsmanship does much to fuse nations into a firmer and more solid understanding of each other's love for fair play.



Forty





The fighting Yellow Jacket. The new trophy case. The toss-up. Coach Perry. The D. H. S. Band. The student body. Heroes of the gridiron. Our energetic yell leaders.





REGIONAL AND SECTIONAL

The hours following the final game of the sectional tourney were truly a period spent in revelry. First came the ceremony of possession of the baskets. Then the basketball that was used in the battle was presented to Alvin Rickord who had just played the final basketball game of his high school career before going to the Navy the following week. Decatur's Second Street was seething with the milling students. Streamers and outcries swept through the air as students carried Coach Perry and Principal

Brown through the streets.

The next Monday was marked by a mammoth celebration. Speeches by the team, the elated coach, and other "celebrities" were all accepted with hilarious applause. It would have been an excellent opportunity for a speech by a political candidate.

The team and the coach now piled into a wagon which was propelled by a score of students in order to maintain a strict "gasless" parade. With the



VICTORY SNAPS

band out in front playing the school song, the entire student body went marching through the business district of Decatur, pausing in front of the post office to ignite a huge pyre of boxes, wood, and paper. Mr. Krick then dismissed school for the rest of the day.

The next week, celebrating the Regional Tourney championship, exercises were again held: speeches by the team members, Coach Perry, with his crown,

carried on a throne by other members of the faculty, and much cheering on the part of enthusiastic students. Purple and gold colors were displayed all over the city with the legend "On to the State."

Although the Yellow Jackets were defeated by Central in the Semi-final Tourney at Muncie, Decatur had a magnificent cheering section which bolstered the players in their hard-fought battle with the defending State Champions of 1943.



FOOTBALL

Left to Right: **Jack Shady, Bill Bromer, Alvin Rickord, Brice Breiner, John Spahr.**

Left Center: **Keith Hammond, Bob Mutschler.**

Left to Right: **Gene Foreman, Floyd Reed, Bill Feasel, Jim Cochran.**

J. Lloyd Reed



Bill Feasel 44





FOOTBALL

Left to Right: Charles Peterson, Paul Hammond,
Howard Foreman, Jerry Leitz.

Right Center. Manfred Melchi, Barney Brooks.

Left to Right: Ronald Pierce, Jack Garner, Bob
August, Eugene Pettibone.





FOOTBALL

First Row: Stanley McBride, David Pollock, Eugene Pettibone, James Pollock, Bill Feasel, Glen Essex, Ronald Pierce, Donn Eichar, Tom Colter, Gerald Springer, Robert Arnold, Herbert Fruchte.

Second Row: Gene Foreman, Howard Foreman, Jack Garner, Jack Shady, Bob Mutschler, Jerry Lichtenstiger, Don Brunnegraff, Charles Peterson, Bill Marbaugh, Everett Arthur, Bob August.

Third Row: Paul Hammond, Manfred Melchi, Jerry Leitz, John Spahr, Alvin Rickord, Floyd Reed, Barney Brooks, Jim Cochran, Keith Hammond, Bill Bromer, Brice Breiner, Coach Dan Perry.

Football Review

This year Decatur High School had one of the finest football teams in its history. The team boasted not only an undefeated season but also the sharing of the co-championship of the N. E. I. C. title with Garrett. It was a powerful team to be sure. The line averaged 165 pounds with the backfield averaging around 160. Coach Perry emphasized more on speed and precision. Results—85 points against our opponents' 19.

The opening game of the season was with Bluffton. The Yellow Jackets just seemed unable to begin their offensive. The entire game was played to a scoreless tie with the Tigers tallying most of the first downs.

The next game with Portland was the team's first victory, played in true Decatur style. The scoring was divided between four backfield men—Breiner, Bromer, Rickord, and Spahr. Not once did Portland threaten to score as they were continually on the defensive during the entire game. The Panthers were beaten 19-0.

The following week the Yellow Jackets were out to wreak vengeance on the Auburn Red Devils for the humiliating defeat suffered the year before. They did it, too. With rain pouring down and the players drenched, the battle was fought in a sea of mud. In the first quarter Garner smashed through the line

and recovered an Auburn fumble for a touchdown. Spahr completed the scoring by an amazing 60-yard touchdown run, ending the game 13-0.

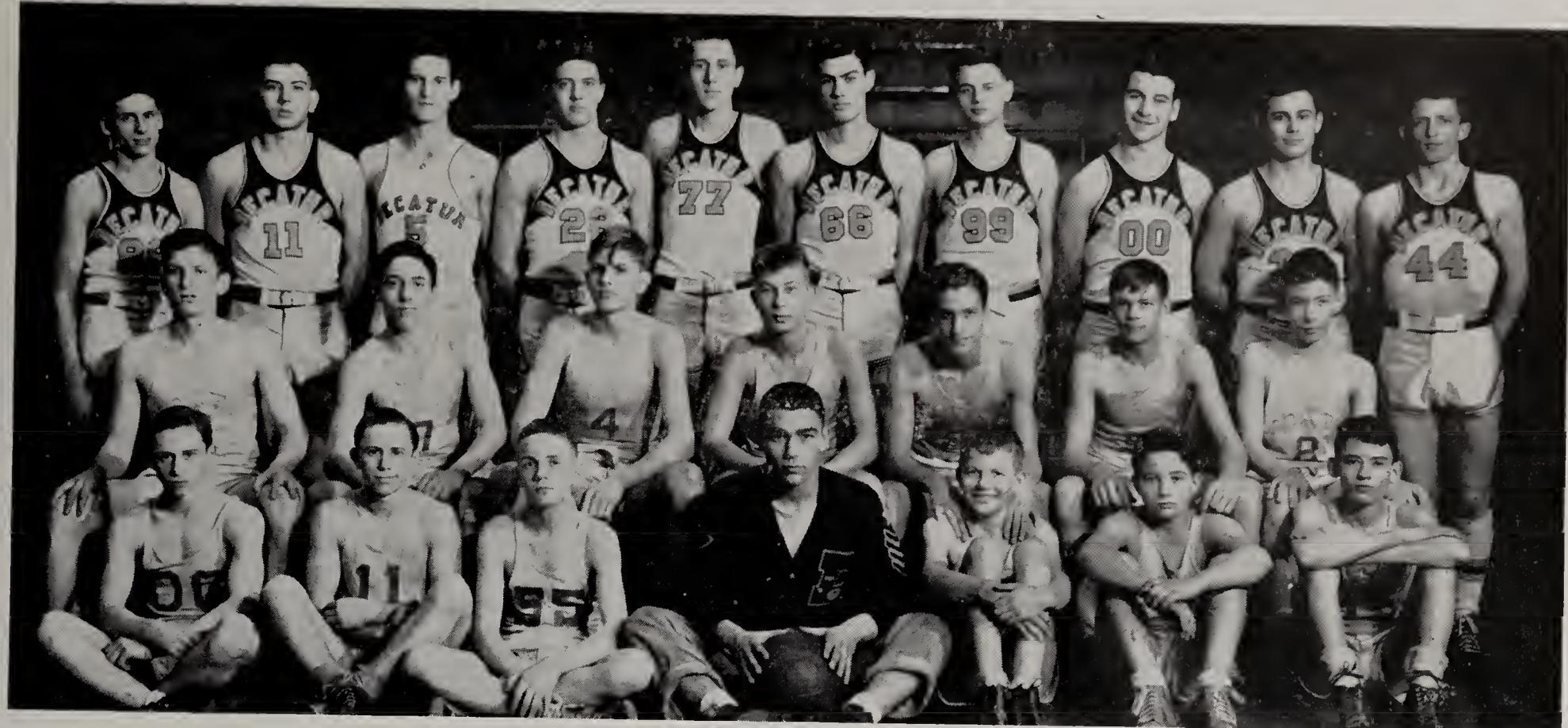
Next the team traveled south to play the Portland Panthers again. This time Bromer scored two touchdowns, ironically ending his 1943 season by suffering a bad knee injury in the fourth quarter. The game ended 12-7 in favor of the Jackets.

The Garrett game hurt most. Decatur led by first-downs all through the game but was unable to score against the gigantic Garrett team. The game was played in mid-field with a score of 0-0.

Columbia City provided the next fun for the Yellow Jackets. Decatur really had the ball rolling that night, winning 26-6. Three touchdowns were scored in the opening quarter, the fourth one in the third period. The Eagles tallied their six points on a long run with a stolen ball from Spahr.

The final game with Bluffton was one of the most thrilling of all. It took good hard football to beat the Tigers. Rickord scored two touchdowns and Leitz a safety for a final score of 15-6. Thus ended the victorious football season of 1943.

Coach Perry lost many veterans this year since the squad consisted mainly of seniors. Nevertheless, the outlook for next year was promising because numerous veteran underclassmen remained.



BASKETBALL

First Row: Lawren Arnold, Warren Arnold, Herman Andress, Jerry Leitz, Roger Schnepf, Calvin Smitley, Jerry Ketchum.

Second Row: Tom Colter, Fred Steiner, Ted Hill, Carl Beehler, Bill Porter, Donn Eichar, Leigh Nelson.

Third Row: Bill Bumgardner, Bill Bromer, Jim Cochran, John Spahr, Floyd Reed, Alvin Rickord, Robert Mutschler, Jack Garner, Kenneth McConnell, Ronald Pierce.

Basketball Review

There was no doubt but that the Decatur basketball team was the finest squad ever turned out by this school. Comprised almost entirely of senior members, they were truly a veteran group of players. In the regular season and in the New Year's tourney at Bluffton they won 11 out of 20 games, totaling 710 points to their opponents' 663. The team also won the sectional championship crown and the first regional championship title in the school's history.

Decatur started off the season by trimming the Portland Panthers, 32-20; but they were nosed out the next week by the New Haven Bulldogs, 32-31. The Jackets now turned on the heat in an N. E. I. C. tilt with Garrett, beating the Railroaders, 33-28.

The next three games were all victories for Decatur. Hartford township, lacking a punch, lost 36-28. Geneva fell before the sting of the Yellow Jackets, 49-41. In the thrilling game with Bluffton, the Decatur team caged the Tigers with a 30-26 score.

Traveling to Berne, the Jackets lost to the Bears, 31-26. The boys then proceeded to scalp the Monroe Bearcats, 52-28.

On New Year's Day the Decatur quintet took revenge on the Berne team with a 46-34 tally. In the evening game Bluffton's Tigers clawed the Jackets to a 31-42 defeat.

After the holiday season, the Decatur team fell into a slump, losing to Fort Wayne Central, 42-31. Only during the last few minutes did the Tigers pull

away for their victory. Next, the team suffered defeat at the Huntington gymnasium by the Vikings, 40-17. Columbia City rallied in the last minutes for a 29-26 victory over the Jackets.

It was now the Yellow Jackets turn to win some games. Decatur whipped the Bluffton team to a 43-35 defeat. Pleasant Mills also fell at the feet of the Jackets, 42-25.

The next three games all ended with defeat for the Jackets—New Haven, 42-38; Auburn, 39-37; and Hartford City, 33-22.

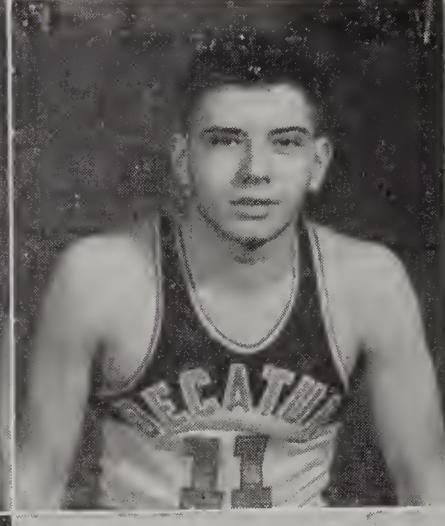
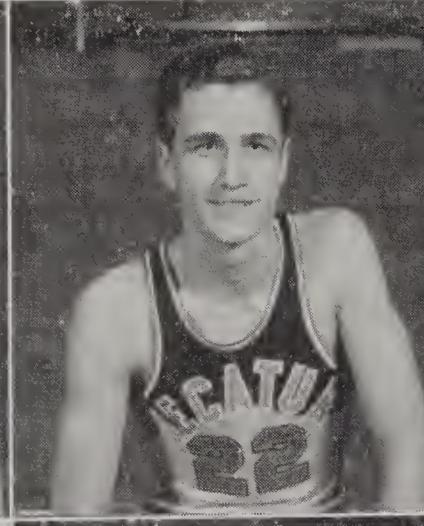
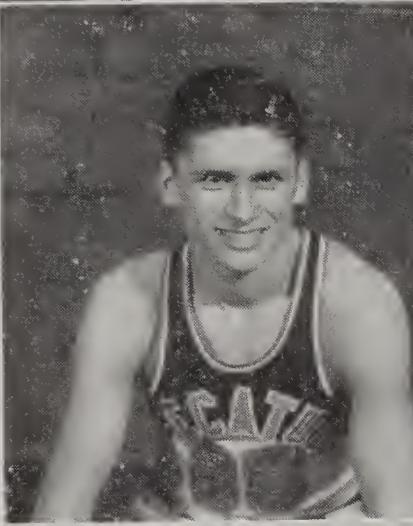
The last two games of the regular season were ultimate victories. Kendallville bowed to Decatur, 44-38. The Jackets romped with the Berne Bears to the tune of 44-30.

Now came the sectional tourney. Decatur defeated Hartford township with a 51-44 score. They then won over Pleasant Mills, 36-25. In the final game with Berne, the Jackets won a close game for the sectional championship, 38-27.

Travelling to Huntington the next week, Decatur beat Liberty Center, 44-36. In the final game with Montpelier, the Jackets rallied with sensational ball playing to win, 39-25.

Decatur lost to Central at the state semi-finals at Muncie in a hard-fought battle, 41-31. Additional honors were given to the Decatur team by having the names of Spahr and Reed placed on the all-tourney team lineup. Thus ended basketball season 1943-1944.

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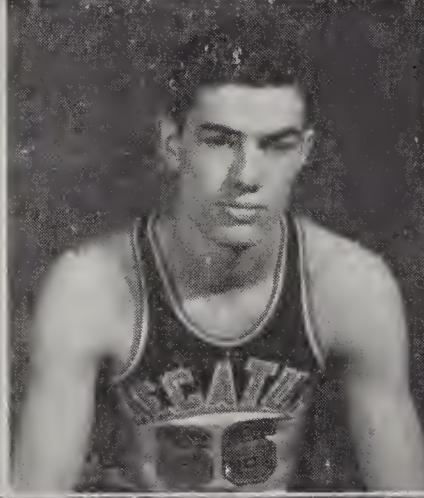
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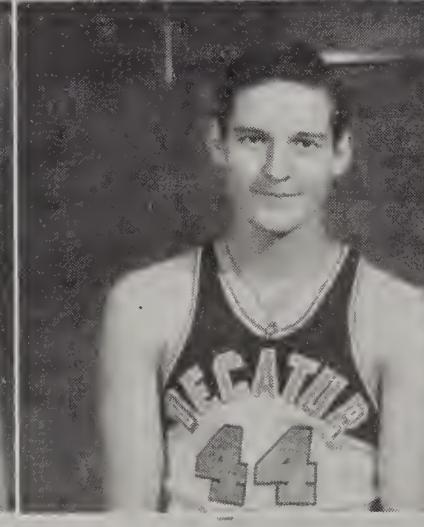
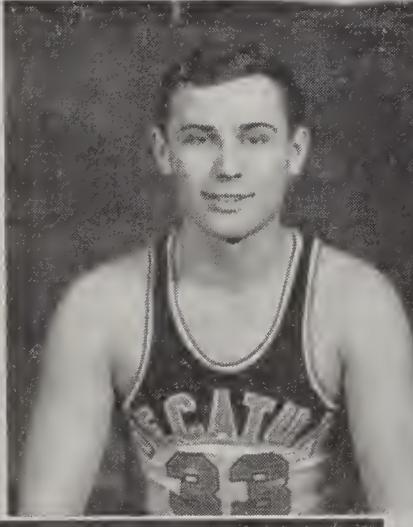
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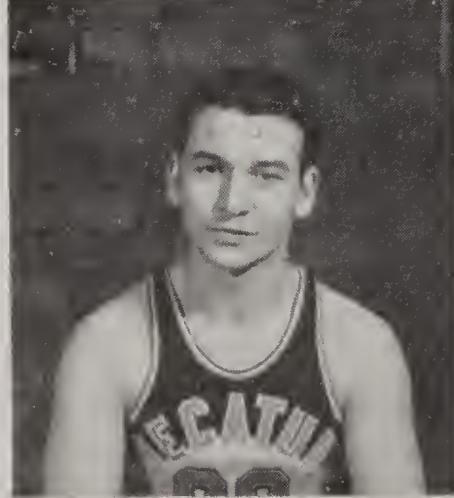
Alvin Rickord



Kenneth
McConnell

James Cochran

Ronald Pierce



Jack Garner

John Spahr



JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL

First Row: Lawrence Scott, Robert Haley, Ronald Hill

Second Row: Bill Kingsley, Dick McConnell, Mr. Everhart, Robert McAlhany, Bruce Baughn

Third Row: Albert Andrews, Dan Freeby, Loren Brentlinger, Max Melchi, Raymond Lehman

Junior High Basketball Review

Probably the most important stage of any athlete's career is the beginning of his training. In Decatur High School it is Coach Steve Everhart who starts the potential D. H. S. basketball stars on the road to a successful sports career. Coach Everhart's Junior Yellow Jackets are taught not only the fundamentals of good basketball but also the rules of good sportsmanship.

Six of the boys who played last season were back to form the base of this year's team. Raymond Lehman, Robert McAlhany, Bruce Baughn, Robert Haley, Max Melchi, and Ronald Hill were the six who returned to play this year. In addition Dick McConnell, Dan Freeby, and Bill Kingsley saw quite a bit of action.

The Junior Jackets got off to a good start by downing Pleasant Mills by a score of 22 to 13.

The future Yellow Jackets were then handed a stinging defeat by Bluffton, 6 to 32.

Junior high evidently wasn't particularly worried about this turn of events for they proceeded to win the next two games in fine style. They trounced the Pleasant Mills quintet 21 to 9 and then nosed out a tough Berne five 24 to 23.

Bluffton again proved what a powerhouse they could be by defeating junior high 12 to 39. The boys were in there fighting, but they were no match for the Bluffton outfit.

The first game of the annual series with St. Joe for the Wemhoff trophy ended with St. Joe out on top by one point, 17 to 18. This was anybody's ball game all the way and was really a tough one to lose.

Berne came to Decatur determined to even the score with the Junior Jackets and managed to do just that. The score of this game was 24 to 30.

The Wemhoff series was renewed and St. Joe again was victorious. They clinched the trophy by edging out the Junior Yellow Jackets 15 to 17. This was the second year in succession that the trophy went to St. Joe. The seventh graders of the team have made known their vow to regain the trophy next year.

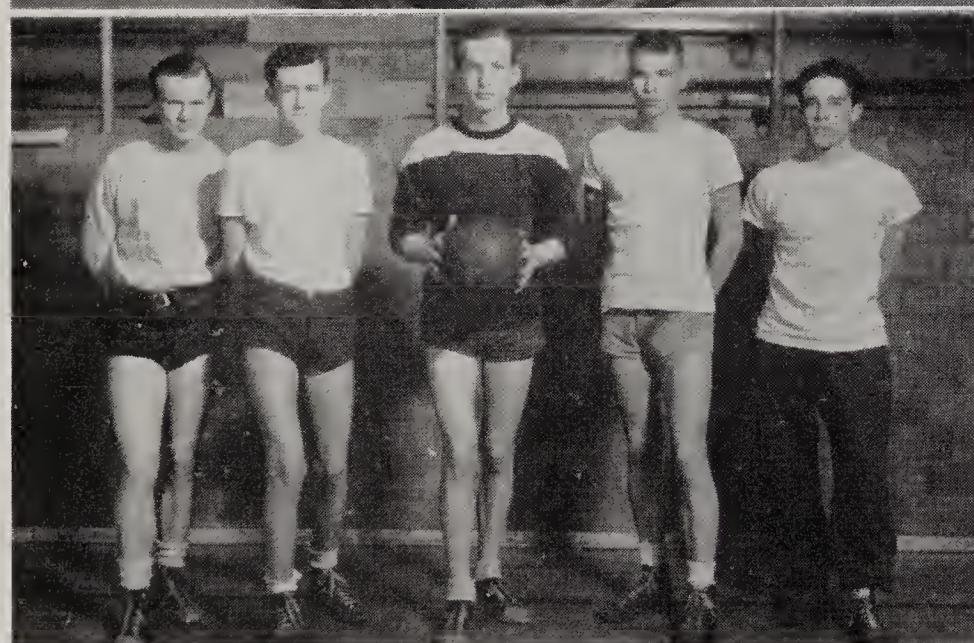
The Jackets lost the last game to Berne, 14 to 28.

Though their record was not impressive, these boys showed good talent; it would be wise to watch them in the future.



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COACH EVERHART



INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL

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Providing a chance for all to play basketball is the problem which annually falls to Mr. Dorwin for solution. Under his guidance the intramural leagues are organized and every one gets an opportunity to participate.

This year four lightweight and four heavyweight teams were organized.

The champs of the heavy weight league were the Redskins, who won six games and lost none during the season and won the heavyweight tourney. Bill Marbaugh, Jerry Leitz, Everett Arthur, Gene Foreman, Bill Whittredge, Don Wolfe, Gene Meyers, and Charles Peterson, captain, made up the team.

Next in line were the Eagles, who won four games and lost two. Junior Kaehr, captain; Brice Breiner, George Alton, Raymond Ralston, Eugene Pettibone, Ronald Stucky, Bill Shock, and Donn Light were the Eagles.

Winning two and losing four games, the Flashes claimed third. Karl Johnson was captain and Lowell Lincoln, Roger Knapp, Roger Staley, Paul Morgan, John Kelly, and Ed Walters completed the roster.

The luckless Bears failed to turn in a victory. They

were Dick Knapp, Bob August, Bill Butler, Leo Borne, Paul Bucher, Dick Sheets, Keith Gilpin, Bob Christen, and Paul Hammond, the captain.

The Hornets won five games and lost one in the season and they also won the lightweight tourney. Troy Fennig, captain; Dick Gehrig, Melvin Taylor, Stanley McBride; Tom Garner; Norman Leonardson, Dick Gunder, and Don Marbaugh were the Hornets.

The Hawks won four and lost two. They were Gene Bassett, Frank Young, Tom Ahr, Lawrence Gallogly, Herb Fruchte, Ed Deitsch, Eugene Lyons, Jim Summers, and Max Ogg, captain.

Richard Saylor, Jerry Lichtenstiger, Junior Myers, Bob Boknecht, Dick Schnitz, Russell Stanley, Jack Rayer, and Karl Kolter, captain, made up the Avengers. They won three and lost three.

The Maroons lost their six games. Members of the team were Dick Cottrell, captain; David Pollock, Harold Nash, Jim Pollock, Gene Moser, Bill Freeby, Don Pickford, and Bill Lichtenstiger.

Much credit should be given Mr. Dorwin for his fine leadership this year.

LEFT

Bottom Group

First Row: Lawrence Gallogly, Edward Deitch, Herbert Fruchte.

Second Row: Frank Young, Max Ogg, Gene Bassett, James Summers, Tom Ahr.

Second Group

John Kelly, Paul Morgan, Edward Walters, Karl Johnson, Roger Staley.

Third Group

First Row: William Butler, Keith Gilpin, Robert August.

Second Row: Richard Sheets, Robert Christen, Richard Knapp, Leo Borne.

Fourth Group

Gene Foreman, William Marbaugh, Charles Peterson, William Whittredge, Jerry Leitz, Everett Arthur, Donald Wolfe.

RIGHT

Bottom Group

First Row: Ralph Schnitz.

Second Row: Jack Rayer, Richard Saylor, Karl Kolter, Jerry Lichtenstiger, Junior Myers, Robert Boknecht.

Second Group

First Row: William Lichtenstiger.

Second Row: James Pollock, Richard Cottrell, William Freeby, Harold Nash.

Third Row: Robert Arnold, Gene Moser, Donald Pickford.

Third Group

Norman Leonardson, Stanley McBride, Tom Garner, Melvin Taylor, Troy Fennig, Richard Gehrig.

Fourth Group

First Row: Joseph Kaehr, George Alton, Ronald Stucky.

Second Row: Donald Light, Eugene Pettibone, Brice Breiner.



COACH DORWIN



BASEBALL

First Row: Coach Mr. Dorwin, Lawren Arnold, Ronald Pierce, Everett Arthur, Kenneth McConnell, Eugene Pettibone, Warren Arnold.

Second Row: Kenneth Ross, Thomas Ahr, Max Myers, Fred Steiner, Barney Brooks, Monte Marbaugh.

Third Row: Ralph Ross, Stanley McBride, Lawrence Gallogly, Tom Garner, Ed Deitsch, Dick Lichtenstiger, Norbert Bleeke, Gene Bassett.

Fourth Row: Bill Porter, Charles Peterson, Robert Mutschler, Floyd Reed, Carey Knittle, Melvin Taylor, Bill Marbaugh, Troy Fennig.

Baseball Review

The Decatur Yellow Jackets started the 1944 baseball season determined that the N. E. I. C. A. title would again be won by Decatur. Decatur had won the title four of the last five years.

Of last year's championship team four letter men were available for play this season. They were Floyd Reed, Ronald Pierce, Kenneth McConnell, and Everett Arthur. Charles Peterson, Robert Mutschler, and William Marbaugh of last year's squad also played. The United States claimed the services of James Cochran, Alvin Rickord, and Brice Breiner who would have played. James Eichhorn was injured in an auto accident and was not able to attend school.

The Yellow Jackets, under the guidance of Coach Deane Dorwin, engaged teams from Berne, Bluffton, Wren, Portland, Willshire, and Hartford City. Completion of the schedule depended much upon the weather man, who is not always kind to baseball players.

Floyd Reed was the nucleus of the pitching staff and was well supported by rookie relief pitching. Bill Marbaugh and Eugene Pettibone donned the catchers' togs. Ronald Pierce, Bob Mutschler, and a few of the rookies filled out the infield. Kenneth McConnell, Everett Arthur, Charles Peterson, Lawren Arnold, and Warren Arnold did the fly chasing for the team.

The only player lost by graduation was Murvel Andrews, who was the catcher on the 1943 teams. That vacancy was filled with difficulty.

The Yellow Jackets defended their title in the N. E. I. C. tourney held at Hartford City on May 20. Coach Dorwin's Jackets earned the title in 1943 by defeating Bluffton and then Hartford City. The same schools participated in the 1944 tourney. A team must win three years to obtain permanent possession of a trophy. The Jackets have high hopes of winning the second permanent trophy for the trophy case.

The Decatur lads started practice after the basketball tournaments were over and the days began to have the feel of spring in them. The Jackets spent the first few days in the gym loosening up their arms and playing pepper ball. Calisthenics and running put the boys in the best physical condition. They then moved to the field and really began to work in earnest. Many days were spent in learning the fundamentals of batting, fielding, base running, sliding, etc. Batting practice came first, and then the infielders had a hot infield practice while the outfielders snagged flies. The Jackets were all ready to go when April 4 rolled around and the Jackets started the season. The fellows tried their best and ended the season with the school and students behind them.



TRACK

First Row: Robert Arnold, Donn Eichar, William Bumgardner, Howard Foreman, Dick Gehrig.

Second Row: Lowell Lincoln, Richard Cottrell, Jerry Leitz, Bill Howell, Paul Bucher, Gene Foreman.

Third Row: Jack Shady, Bill Bromer, Carl Beehler, John Spahr, Keith Gilpin.

Track

The Yellow Jacket track team did splendidly this year. They trained hard and did their best in the exhibitions, favorably comparing their speed and stamina with athletes of the other teams of the surrounding area.

The track team was also built around a large number of seniors. Stars from last year were Bill Bumgardner, Jack Shady, and John Spahr. Other veteran upperclassmen were Jerry Leitz, Howard Foreman, Bill Bromer, and Manfred Melchi. A promising number of underclassmen were out for competition this year, leaving a lot of material for next year.

The track team with more time, a better track, good equipment, and fine spring weather added up to excellent results. Most important of all, the team had a good coach.

Mr. Perry, with the help of Mr. Everhart, trained the boys to sprint, dash, and jump, and to take advantage of the speed and dexterity which they already possessed. A lot of the basic training came from the pre-season sports and the commando class. When track season started, the boys merely "began where they had left off." This pre-season training proved invaluable.

The appearance of Berne out for track competition fired the Yellow Jackets with more enthusiasm. It gave the boys a golden opportunity to win a victory in another division of sports over the rival school. Bluffton and Auburn were also antagonizing confederates for the Yellow Jackets.

The climax of the track season was the meeting of the cinder crews from all of the associate communities to determine the winner of the Northeastern Indiana Conference Championship. The affair was held at Bluffton athletic field with the Parlor City school acting as the host school. It was really a model "Olympics" in itself. You can wager that the Yellow Jacket entrees were all doing their best.

Last year was the first in many years that track appeared on the Decatur sports schedule. The Purple came in for sixth place in the N. E. I. C. contest last spring, and they were set on doing much better this time. With all the talent, size and skill that Decatur's team had, how could they help but carry off the honors!





GIRLS' ATHLETICS

Commandos at Leisure
V for Victory
Stages of Squat Thrusts
Sitting Down Relay

Rockers, Back Bend
Basketball Free Throw
Pull Ups
4 Column Marching

Girls' Sports Review

Girls' athletics are comprised of the activities of the feminine commando class, other high school physical education classes, and the extra curricular basketball. In the following paragraphs you will become better acquainted with the high lights of these events.

The girl commandos were worked nearly to death—at least they thought so. In the earlier part of the year when it was warmer, these she-men were allowed to take long hikes during the class period. They also went out to Worthman Field and once or twice tried their skill on the obstacle course. In the wintertime, the victims came to class in the gym, eager to do their exercises. I imagine some of them were hopeful that they would take off a little excess baggage in the right places. There were exercises for all muscles of the body, and the girls didn't miss a one, thanks to Miss Pumphrey. After this limbering up they marched around the gym in true military style. All was quiet except for the tramp tramp of little (?) feet and an occasional, "Get in step, So and So!" They became quite skilled, though, and were able to form all kinds of fancy figures. After all this, they sometimes played games, usually dodge ball or red-white-blue. On Thursdays there was a day's relief from exercises and marching to play volley ball. They had an hour of health and safety on Wednesday, which was helpful to every commando. Yes, when you left that class you were physically fit—or was it physically faint?

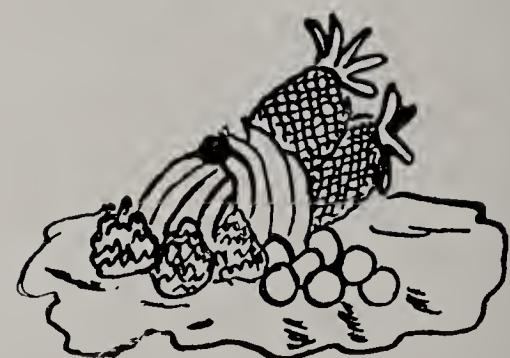
In all physical education classes from grades 9 to 12 efficiency tests were given. The scores from these were sent to the Division of Health and Physical Education at Indianapolis, Indiana, to be compared with those of other Indiana high schools. There were loud groans when it was announced just what the efficiency tests were to be, but once they were started the girls didn't mind them so much and tried to excel in each test. These tests included straddle chins, squat thrusts, push ups, and the vertical jump. To arrive at the scores, Miss Pumphrey took the number of times a girl could do the straddle chins, plus the number of squat thrusts done in twenty seconds, plus the number of push ups. This total was multiplied by the number of inches the girls could jump vertically. Some of the girls went at them more vigorously than others, and their scores showed that fact. The totals ranged from as low as 169 to as high as 1,547, which was accomplished by a girl from the Catholic school. The highest achievement in our own school was gained by Bonnie Melchi with 1,423½.

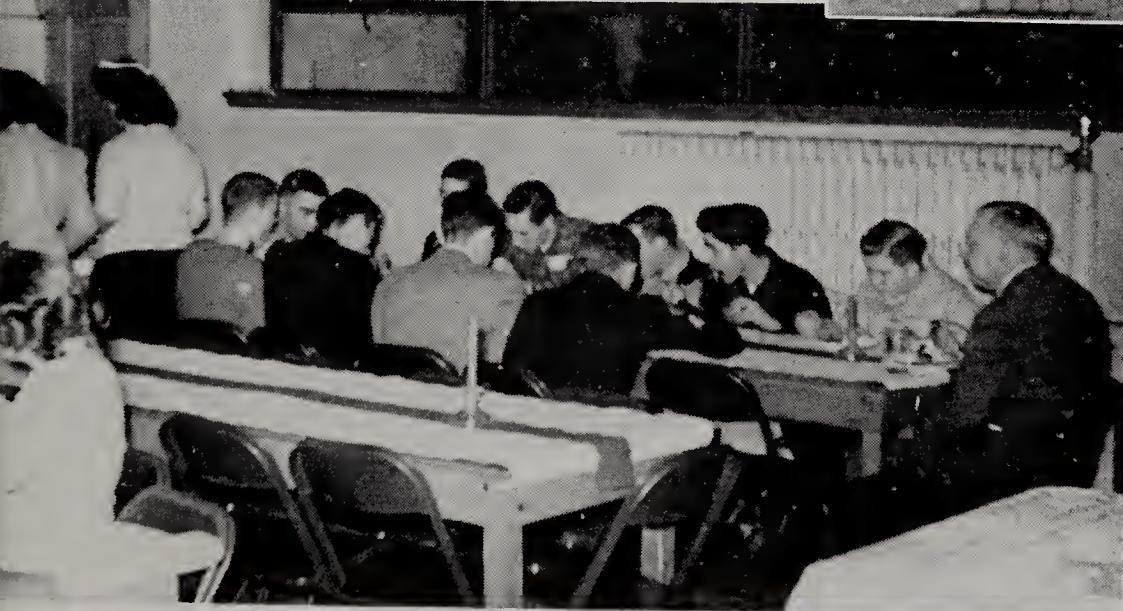
During the latter part of this year some of the girls from the high school classes formed teams to engage in "friendly" games of basketball every Friday night.

This report shows you that girls were not far behind the boys in athletic achievements, and that they possessed just as much spirit.

School Clubs and Extra Curricular Activities

The Latin-American, be he in school or out of school, does not neglect the social side of life. Nearly all social life is centered around the central squares or plaza. In the evening the band plays and everyone strolls around and around, the men going one way and the women another. This hardly seems the way of our country—because we hardly ever notice the boys and girls in our organizations going in separate directions. Just as we consider music, dancing, and fine arts an important part of our social existence, so do Latin Americans who use all these features in their fiestas as they celebrate the numerous holidays of the year. So we, who use our clubs and social organizations for the same purposes, strike a sympathetic cord with the fun-loving South Americans.





The Christmas dance. The Star Spangled Banner and Minute Man Flag. The Islanders. Our double quartet. A fire drill. The Christmas program. Our Commercial Club banquet. Our men in service.

Fifty-seven





PEP CHAMPS

TOP GROUP

First Row: Geraldine Andrews, Ann Maddox, Mary Robinson, Norma Eady, Virginia Rash, Pauline Brintzenhofe, Phyllis Laud, Kathryn Edwards, Norma Hazelwood, Lois Eady, Juanita Maloney

Second Row: Rosaleen Myers, Vera Steury, Jane Maddox, Marcella Hoffman, Kathleen McConnell, Edna Mae Schultz, Phyllis Chronister, Phyllis McClure, Ruth Grove, Lillian Koeneman, Norma Werling, Belva Burke, Mary Schaffer, Selma Koeneman.

Third Row: Jean Huker, Anna Friedley, Betty Weber, Norma Baker, Donna Gilpen, Janet Goldner, Marilyn Carroll, Ruth Yost, Betty Roop, Kathryn Baxter, Gao Bleeke, Lois Mitchell, Phyllis Venis, Eldora Kirchner.

Fourth Row: June Ward, Colleen Edgell, Viola Steele, Ardena Kirchner, Betty Baumgartner, Phyllis Hoffman, Imogene McFarland, Mary Beineke, Betty Roeder, Marilyn Schultz, Wanda Busse, Jo Ann McMillian, Barbara Roop, Barbara Bracey, Lavonne Strickler.

Fifth Row: Mary Leitz, Virginia Badders, Irene Brooks, Grace Daniels, Marjorie Schnepf, Joan Cowan, Evelyn Frohnapfel, Dora Fairchild, Joan Bodle, Ruth Werling, Cathrine Fisher, Onalee Zimmerman, Pat Garner.

BOTTOM GROUP

First Row: Helen Baughman, Francile Reidenbach, Colleen Miller, Ruth Miller, Margaret Baker, Jo Ann Metzger, Phyllis Bowman, Ruth Keifer, Lois Chronister, Marjorie McAlhaney, Rosamond Graham.

Second Row: Anna Steury, Donna Jaberg, Helen Hazelwood, Eloise Jackson, Clarice Sauer, Juanita Fruchte, Leona Holle, Donnabelle Roop, Virginia Huker, Ava Kraft, Gloria Striker, Joyce Roop, Patricia Kitson, Joan Hamma.

Third Row: Max Ellen Liniger, Pat Schnepf, Dorothy Hammond, Mary Smith, Bernadetta Eley, Waunette Schnepf, Kathleen Shackley, Bonnie Melchi, Barbara Hoblet, Doris Adler, Marcia Schnepf, Mary Moore, Naomi Brown.

Fourth Row: Betty Anspaugh, Joan Mitchell, Mary Pollock, Barbara Kohls, Lenore Fuelling, Eileen Thieme, Margery Linn, Kathleen Butler, Joan Casselman, Mary Johnson, Nancy Bell, Beatrice Light, Betty Gallogly, Marjory Weldy.

Fifth Row: Clarice Anspaugh, Helen Owens, Phyllis Owens, Irene Andress, Evelyn Andrews, Mary Jo Krick, Helen Frank, Helena Bristol, Lucille Wolf, Wilma Wilson, Charleen Shackley, Jean Strahm, Carolyn Hammond.

PEP CHAMPS

Instead of "giving out" with their vocal cords at a bull-fight as the Latin-Americans do, the Pep Champs organized early in the year to become more vigorous boosters at our football and basketball games. Belva Burke was elected president; Ruth Yost, vice president; Mary Lou Robinson, secretary; and Helen Baughman, treasurer. Miss Elzey and Miss Godfrey were chosen co-sponsors.

In the line of parties the Pep Champs held a masquerade Halloween party and a "sock hop," celebrating our victory at the regional tourney.

As a means of making money this organization furnished our students with souvenirs for the basketball tournaments.

All in all, the Pep Champs had a very successful year. The senior members sincerely hope that future years may be just as good.

Fifty-eight



HOWLING HOSTS

TOP GROUP

First Row: Roger Schnepf, Robert Smitley, David Pollock, Herbert Fruchte, Gene Moser, Donald Springer, Roger Staley, Jack Bracey, Lowell Lincoln, Herman Andress, Norman Leonardson, Russell Stanley.

Second Row: Donald Fifer, Bill Hawkins, Donald Light, Bob August, Donald Licchty, Jim King, Paul Bucher, Harold Nash, Morris McClure, Tom Colter, Leigh Nelson.

Third Row: Frank Young, Richard Cottrell, Phillip Thomas, Bob Christen, Dick Sheets, Lyman Hann, Carl Beehler, Jerry Lichtenstiger, Karl Kolter, Richard Saylors, William Freeby, Thomas Ahr, Bob Bohnrecht, Lawren Arnold.

Fourth Row: William Bungardner, Dwight Marshall, Donn Eichar, Brice Breiner, Everett Arthur, Ted Hill, Jim Brunnegraff, John Spahr, Robert Mutschler, Leo Borne, Ronald Stucky, Bill Butler, Gene Foreman.

BOTTOM GROUP

First Row: Charles Ward, Don Wolfe, Jim Pollock, Jack Rayer, Orin Crider, Jim Cochran, Bill Eichhorn, Roy Bleeke, Joseph Kaehr, Robert Metzger, Warren Arnold, Waynard Habegger.

Second Row: Vernon Smitley, Hubert Feasel, Paul Moore, Troy Fennig, Eugene Pettibone, Melvin Werling, Paul Morgan, Jim Summers, Gene Bassett, Edward Walters, Gene Myers, Barney Brooks.

Third Row: Jerry Ketchum, Dick Gehrig, Carl Peterson, Melvin Taylor, Jerry Leitz, Jack Garner, Richard Knapp, Bill Feasel, Bill Bromer, Ed Kelly, Bill Whittredge, Bill Porter, Max Ogg, Donald Pickford.

Fourth Row: Howard Foreman, Melvin Thieme, Jack Shady, Carl Johnson, Alvin Rickord, Floyd Reed, Keith Hammond, Bill Howell, Roger Knapp, Manfred Melchi, Kenneth McConnell, Ronald Pierce.

HOWLING HOSTS

This most successful year of 1944 will long be remembered in the annals of the Howling Hosts. The officers elected at the organization meeting were Manfred Melchi, president; Floyd Reed, vice president; and Junior Kaehr, secretary-treasurer. Kenneth McConnell, Jack Garner, Bill Bromer, Roger Schnepf, and Bill Freeby were chosen to represent their respective classes on the advisory board. Dean Dorwin was re-elected sponsor.

One hundred "Howlers" carried on tradition by vociferously backing our teams. Dances were sponsored after the games and the first D. H. S. Christmas dance was given. With the proceeds of these functions, an athletic trophy case was purchased and donated to the school. You can well be proud if your name was on the roll call of the Howling Hosts of 1944.



COMMERCIAL CLUB

TOP GROUP

First Row: Vernon Smitley, Rosamond Graham, Lois Eady, Don Springer, Clarice Sauer, Eloise Jackson, Gene Bassett.
 Second Row: Joyce Roop, Virginia Huker, Juanita Fruchte, Kathleen McConnell, Vera Steury, Gloria Striker, Donnabelle Roop, Ava Nelle Kraft, Francile Reidenbach, Patricia Schnepp, Lenore Fuelling.
 Third Row: Paul Moore, Bill Hawkins, Ronald Pierce, Robert Mutschler, Floyd Reed, John Spahr, Jack Shady, Manfred Melchi, Joseph Kaehr, Kenneth McConnell.
 Fourth Row: Helen Hazlewood, Ruth Joann Miller, Phyllis Owens, Evelyn Andrews, Leona Bultemeier, Bernadetta Eley, Leona Holle, Joan Hamma, Marjorie McAlhaney.

BOTTOM GROUP

First Row: Selma Koeneman, Mary Moore, Ruth Grove, Naomi Brown, Waunetta Schnepp, Juanita Maloney, Betty Roop, Lillian Koeneman.
 Second Row: Helen Frank, Mary Jo Krick, Wilma Wilson, Ruth Yost, Norma Baker, Bonnie Melchi, Marilyn Carroll, Marcia Schnepp, Marge Linn, Edna Mae Schultz.
 Third Row: Howard Foreman, Tom Lutes, Jerry Leitz, Karl Johnson, Jim Cochran, Keith Hammond, Jack Garner, Orin Crider, Leo Borne, Gene Foreman.
 Fourth Row: Belva Burke, Mary Jane Shaffer, Margaret Ellen Baker, Norma Werling, Phyllis Venis, Pauline Brintzenhofe, Mary Bollinger, Jean Strahm, Jane Maddox, Eldora Kirchner.

COMMERCIAL CLUB

The Commercial Club held its opening meeting in November, 1943. Mr. Anderson was chosen as the sponsor and the following officers were elected: president, Evelyn Andrews; vice president, Bob Mutschler; secretary, Jim Cochran; treasurer, Marjorie McAlhaney. Only seniors were present at this meeting as is the custom of the club, but later juniors wishing to become members were allowed to join. Besides having to be a junior or a senior to become a member, one must have earned or be in the process of earning two units in commercial work, as well as making passing grades in all subjects. We were proud of our sixty-four members who met these qualifications.

The annual party was held on January 10, 1944, in the form of a carry-in supper in the home economics rooms after which a dance was held in the music room.



ART CLUB

TOP GROUP

First Row: Mary Jane Shaffer, Mary Bollinger, Doris Adler, Beverly Hakes, Clarice Anspaugh.

Second Row: Morris McClure, June Ward, Jo Ann Metzger, Gene Bassett, Francile Reidenbach, Patricia Schnepp, Tom Lutes.

BOTTOM GROUP

First Row: Joann Hamma, Ilo Frank, Wilma Wilson, Helen Jean Owens, Mary Pollock.

Second Row: Gene Foreman, Donna Gilpen, Kathleen Shackley, Bill Feasel, Bernadetta Eley, Charleen Shackley, Eugene Pettibone.

COLOR WHEEL CLUB

The Color Wheel Art Club was a very ambitious group of students. Jean Slusher was elected president; Charleen Shackley, vice president; and Tom Lutes, secretary-treasurer. The club consisted of thirty-one members with Miss Kauffman, the instructor. Two boys from the group went to the armed forces.

Some of the assignments were: large patriotic posters were drawn to boost the sale of war stamps and bonds; at Christmas the windows at each end of the school building were painted; joke book covers were designed for the Junior Red Cross to send to the boys in service; before the tourney the students were busy making signs and souvenirs.

Finger painting was a very interesting adventure. Pencil sketches of human figures were drawn. Powder paints, water paints, and crayolas were used in the class. Oh, yes, India ink, too.

Decorations and scenery for the pageant and decorations for the reception were important elements in the work of the Color Wheel Club during the year.

The success of the group was celebrated with a party after the pageant.



HOME EC. CLUB

TOP GROUP

First Row: Rosaleen Myers, Geraldine Ray, Phyllis McClure, Phyllis Chronister, Barbara Roop, Lavonne Strickler, Betty Anspaugh, Betty McGill.
Second Row: Betty Erwin, Shirley Myers, Betty Baumgartner, Phyllis Hoffman, Betty Roeder, Mary Bieneke, Jo Ann McMillan, Lois Chronister,

BOTTOM GROUP

First Row: Virginia Rash, Jean Johnson, Carolyn Hammond, Martha Sheets, Grace Daniels, Phyllis Ladd, Helen Landrum, Florence Hitchcock.
Second Row: Onalee Zimmerman, Lucille Wolfe, Helena Bristol, Mary McGill, Joan Bodle, Dora Fairchild, Pat Garner, Kathryn Fisher.

HOME EC. CLUB

The Home Economics Club was reorganized the first week of school, and the following girls were elected as officers: Betty Roeder, president; Lois Chronister, vice president; Jo Ann McMillen, secretary; Mary Alice Beinke, treasurer; and Elaine Roop, news reporter.

Our first semester project was the management of the canteen at Worthman Field during the football games.

The art of entertaining, being a part of our work, was carried out by serving the faculty Christmas dinner, band, football, and basketball dinners.

From the beginning of the second semester of school to the end of the year, the constant hum of sewing machines could be heard; for our project for this semester was the fashion operetta, "The Suzanne Shop."

As the saying goes, "All work and no play makes Jill a dull girl," we added a little pleasure with our work. Each month a different group of girls were responsible for some sort of entertainment. Several enjoyable hours were spent in teas and dancing. Both the girls and faculty members enjoyed these entertainments.

Miss Worthman was responsible for our successful year.



GLEE CLUBS

TOP GROUP

First Row: Beverly Hakes, Helen Hazelwood, Patricia Schnepp, Francile Reidenbach, Mary Bollinger, Leona Holle, Ilo Frank, Particia Kitson, Beatrice Light, Max Ellen Liniger.

Second Row: Ava Kraft, Betty Weber, Jean Strahm, Wilma Wilson, Mary Smith, Ruth Grove, Donnabelle Roop, Selma Koeneman, Irene Brooks, Marjorie Schnepp, Lillian Koeneman, Lenore Fuelling.

Third Row: Phyllis Owens, Sara Boutwell, Evelyn Andrews, Doris Adler, Helen Frank, Leona Bultemeier, Kathleen Shackley, Mary Jo Krick, Bernadetta Eley, Naomi Brown, Greta Bleeke.

Fourth Row: Rosamond Graham, Mary Schaffer, Lois Eady, Juanita Maloney, Barbara Kohls, Helen Owens, Pauline Brintzenhofe, Norma Werling, Betty Gallogly, Norma Baker, Marjorie McAlhaney, Belva Burke, Clarice Anspaugh.

BOTTOM GROUP

First Row: Bill Bromer, Jim Cochran, Donn Eichar, Everett Arthur, Ed Walters, Jack Shady, John Spahr, Bob Mutschler, Floyd Reed, Jerry Leitz.

Second Row: Bud Crider, Barney Brooks, Bill Howell, Leo Borne, Karl Johnson, James Brunnegraff, Jack Garner, Jim King, Tom Colter, Ronald Stucky.

Third Row: Bill Hawkins, Gene Foreman, Red Pierce, Kenneth McConnell, Tom Lutes, George Alton, Morris McClure, Roger Staley, Bill Butler, Bill Feasel.

GLEE CLUB

This year D. H. S. provided the largest glee club in its history. At the beginning of the year over seventy-five students enrolled for this class under the able instruction of Miss Haubold, with Leona Holle as accompanist.

The Girls' and Boys' Glee Clubs combined and elected the following officers: Robert Mutschler, president; Juanita Maloney, vice president; Tom Colter, secretary; Tom Lutes, treasurer.

The Glee Club presented its annual concert in the auditorium on December 2. The boys' quartet and girls' trio were featured. It also presented an impressive program of Christmas music on December 24.

At the beginning of the second semester they began learning the songs of South America for the pageant. They enjoyed the unusual rhythms and various rhythmic effects in the accompaniment created by the maracas, drums, castanets, and marimba. Their final activities included numbers for the baccalaureate and the commencement exercises.



BAND

TOP GROUP

First Row: Medford Smith, Clarice Anspaugh, Irene Brooks, Helen Frank, Bill Bromer, Bill Eichhorn, Barbara Roop, Kathryn Edwards, Ann Maddox, Jean Hulker, Kristine Striker, Everett Hulker, Karlann Striker.

Second Row: Bonnie Melchi, Helen Hazlewood, Barbara Kohls, Donnabelle Roop, Leona Holle, Edna Mae Schultz, Norma Baker, Ava Nelle Kraft, Jacqueline Warren, Anita Rentz, Jane Maddox, Colleen Miller.

BOTTOM GROUP

First Row: Eloise Jackson, Belva Burke, Barbara Bracey, Vera Steury, Margaret Ellen Baker, Jerry Ketchum, Anna Schwartz, Harold Nash, Phyllis Kraft, Marilyn Schultz, Bonnie Schieferstein, Jane Dailey, Eddie Mattox.

Second Row: Anna Steury, Rosamond Graham, Donna Jaberg, Helen Baughman, Mary Leitz, Juanita Fruchte, Roberta Slamp, Virginia Hütter, Joyce Roop, Lois Chronister, Joan Bierly, Constance Hill.

THE DECATUR HIGH SCHOOL BAND

And what is the thing that puts spirit into the hearts of all the students of this school? Why, the band, of course!

The band was composed of seventy-five members, and every Monday and Tuesday nights the band assembled in the music room to practice for the coming game, concert, rally, etc., under the competent direction of Albert Sellemeyer.

We lost eight members of the band this year. They were Irene Brooks, Belva Burke, Patricia Edwards, Helen Hazelwood, Ava Nelle Kraft, Marjorie McAlhaney, Roberta Slamp, and our very able Barbara Kohls, drum major.

Due to the wartime restrictions we did not take any trips this year as we formerly did in the summer, but the other activities we enjoyed were three "jam sessions" and a chicken supper.

The officers of this esteemed organization were Joyce Roop, president; Edna Mae Schultz, vice president; Ronald Stucky, secretary; and Bill Bromer, treasurer.



OFFICERS OF ALL CLUBS

Commercial Club:

Bob Mutschler, Marjorie McAlhaney, Evelyn Andrews, James Cochran

Pep Champs:

Belva Burke, Ruth Yost, Mary Lou Robinson, Helen Baughman

Howling Hosts:

Joseph Kaehr, Floyd Reed, Manfred Melchi

Art Club:

Charleen Shackley, Tom Lutes, Jean Slusher

Glee Club:

Tom Lutes, Juanita Maloney, Bob Mutschler, Tom Colter

Band:

Bill Bromer, Ronald Stucky, Joyce Roop, Edna Mae Schultz

Home Economics Club:

Barbara Roop, Betty Roeder, Mary Alice Beineke, Jo Ann McMillan, Lois Chronister



Time out for refreshments



Participants of the Christmas dance

RECREATIONAL PROGRAM

In the course of a speech class discussion of juvenile problems, the members discussed plans to stem the wave of youthful loitering and delinquency that is supposed to be sweeping the country. The whole school joined the speech class after Mr. Brown gave his approval.

First, more outside activities would have to be planned to ease the overcrowded recreational facilities in Decatur.

A committee, consisting of Kenneth McConnell, Barbara Kohls, Ronald Stucky, Edna Mae Schultz, Richard Saylor, and Donna Jaberg, met with Mr. Brown on various occasions to form the general rules of conduct for the dances after the games and other activities.

The speech class led the way by having a meeting on September 30 to make plans for a school party which was to be held on October 8. The Howling Hosts followed similar plans for a party which took place on November 26.

At these parties many parlor games were played and refreshments were sold in the home economics room. Ping-pong tables were erected in the hall, and strains of "Pistol Packin' Mama" were heard coming from the music room where D. H. S. students were dancing. At that time no other place was available for dancing in Decatur.

The speech class had a "coke meeting" on October 11 and a carry-in supper on November 22 along with other activities sponsored by that class.

Masked figures swung through the La Conga, hopped to barn dance music, swayed with Guy Lombardo, and swooned at Frank Sinatra in the music room at the Pep Champs' Halloween party on October 30. Bobbing for apples and other seasonal features, such as fortunetelling, were gaily received by all in Room 107.

The Howling Hosts, not to be outdone by the girls, countered with a "couples only" Christmas dance on December 23. Roses were given to the girls in the festive music room, decorated with Christmas trees, mistletoe, and a fireplace. Dancing was the feature of the evening along with a short program. People who took part in this were Wilma Wilson, Patricia Kitson, Marjorie Schnepf, Leona Holle, John Spahr, Ronald Pierce, Roger Staley, Richard Saylor, Vernon Smitley, Miss Haubold, and Edward Walters, as master of ceremonies.

The various organizations of our school contributed greatly to the number of student recreational hours. Each had its own traditions and manner of giving parties.

The Commercial Club believed in suppers. And when we say suppers, we mean food! This closely-knit organization gave several student hours in the form of such after-school activities as supper, parties, and planning for the future.

The Art Club had its parties; and as might be expected, they "drew" a crowd. (Excuse the pun, please!)



The advisory board of the Howling Hosts . . . and their executive committee

RECREATIONAL PROGRAM

The Home Ec. Club met on February 11 in the music room for a St. Valentine's Day dance. Lacy favors, in keeping with the season, were provided.

The intramural basketball games, under the direction of Mr. Dorwin, were filled with surprises, victories, disappointment, and good clean fun. This form of activity for the boys has been in force for several years, but it quickly found a place in our new program. There have been 2360 student hours of recreation given in this manner.

The girls' intramural teams have grown under the watchful eye of Miss Pumphrey. The girls, by dividing into teams for playing basketball after school, joined the boys in giving a large number of student recreational hours.

On March 14 the annual feud between the seniors and the underclassmen came to a head in the form of the senior-underclassman game. The seniors came through with a wowing victory of 51-30. Better luck next year, underclassmen!

Aware of the fact that costumes would be difficult to obtain, we were sober-faced until Mr. Brown and Miss Haubold stated that we could proceed with our plans for the pageant. It was a magnificent showing of Latin-American music, costumes, history, and customs.

D. H. S. distinguished itself in the music field this year. Not only did they put on an excellent pageant but also the glee club concert, which was given on December 2, 1943, rewarded Miss Haubold and her

crew of musical-minded boys and girls with many compliments.

On Nov. 4, 1943, the American Civic Opera Co. presented the opera, "The Barber of Seville." This program was sponsored by the Woman's Club and high school. This was the first performance of light opera ever to have been given in Decatur.

Not to be outdone in the patriotic field, D. H. S. was awarded the "Schools-at-War Minute Man Flag" as recognition of the purchase of bonds and stamps by 90 per cent of the pupils.

Decatur High School, having won both the sectional and regional, had reason to celebrate, it being the first regional tourney victory in the history of our school. On the Monday afternoon following the regional victory, the Pep Champs were hostesses at a 'sock hop' in the gym.

The Howling Hosts have aided greatly in our experimental recreational program. The school appreciates very much the number of student hours given to make their after-game dances a complete success.

Over 4000 student hours of recreation had been provided by the school up to the date of writing (this).

We have just begun our struggle against juvenile delinquency. Having given the school a good start this year, we can look forward next year to more rousing entertainments and social activities to fill in our leisure time.



RAVELINGS STAFF

First Row: Marjorie Schnepf, Pauline Brintzenhofe, Juanita Maloney, John Spahr, Irene Brooks, Alice Owens, Vera Steury

Second Row: Tom Lutes, Roger Staley, Tom Colter, Bill Bromer, Karl Kolter, Everett Arthur, Robert Mutschler, Keith Hammond, Kathleen McConnell.

Ravelings Staff of 1944

Hurry! Hurry! Hurry! Where are your activities? Have you started your write-ups? Did you get all the snapshots? It was just questions like these that were fired at us by Mr. Anderson until the book was finished. (We did hurry, too.)

Mr. Anderson again guided us through the troubles of publishing an annual. Miss Worthman looked after the financial end of this senior class project. We aren't experts on grammar, so Mr. Mumma consented to be our proofreader.

John Spahr and Vera Steury, Editor-in-chief and assistant, respectively, could be seen scurrying through the halls any day during the week with a worried look on their faces.

Marjory Schnepf, Tom Lutes and Karl Kolter visited the many business houses to sell ads to finance the Ravelings of '44.

Maybe these next two have caught you off guard or called you out of class—on business, of course. You know them. They were our Snap-shot Editors—Bill Bromer, Keith Hammond and Orin Crider. Orin was not present when the picture was taken.

Do you remember when you had your picture taken? These came under the jurisdiction of Bob

Mutschler, Roger Staley, and Tom Colter, our Photography Editors.

Pauline Brintzenhofe and Juanita Maloney, the Copy Editors, had the responsibility of seeing that all the material was typed.

The girls' athletic activities were written by our talented Sports Editors—Irene Brooks and Kathleen McConnell.

Howard Foreman and his able assistant, Everett Arthur, wrote the write-ups for the boys' athletics. Howard, along with Orin, was so busy that it was impossible for him to be present when the picture of the Ravelings' Staff was taken. Did you miss him?

Last, but not least by a long shot, is our Staff Artist, Alice Owens. She was in an accident a few weeks before school began and was unable to come to school until the second semester. She did a fine job, don't you think?

We, the Ravelings Staff, are very grateful to you, the student body and faculty, for the help you have given us in collecting this material. If it had not been for your help it would have been impossible to publish this edition. THANK YOU!

We hope you like the Ravelings of '44.

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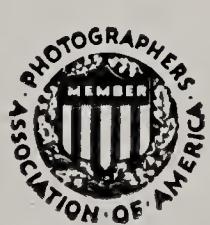
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